



Pope Francis, center, exits Mass at the Samanes Park in Guayaquil, Ecuador, Monday, July 6, 2015. Latin America's first pope arrived in this port city on Monday for the first big event of a three-nation tour that includes Paraguay and Bolivia. (AP Photo/Fernando Vergara)

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Pope Francis Holds First Mass in South America

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GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador

(AP) — Pope Francis received a hero's welcome in Ecuador's biggest city Monday as he celebrated the first public Mass of his South American tour, telling hundreds of thousands of faithful their families are the bedrock of society but need to be supported better and strengthened.

In his homily, Francis praised families as the nucleus of society, calling them "the nearest hospital, the first school for the young, the best home for the elderly." He said miracles are performed every day inside a family out of love, but sometimes the love and happiness run out.

"How many women, sad and lonely, wonder when love left, when it slipped away from their lives?" he asked. "How many elderly people feel left out of family celebrations, cast aside and longing each day for a little love?"

Firefighters sprayed water from hoses on the crowd to provide relief from a searing sun and high humidity that made the 86 degree Fahrenheit temperature in the Pacific port city of Guayaquil feel at least 10 degrees hotter.

Many pilgrims had spent the night outdoors, and some walked for miles to reach the park on Guayaquil's northern outskirts to catch a glimpse of history's

first Latin American pope celebrating Mass on his home turf.

They said it was well worth the discomfort.

"I'm tired, I'm hungry, I haven't slept, but I'm also full of emotion and joy in my heart," said Vicente Huilcatoma, a former police officer who walked 25 miles (40 kilometers) to reach Samanes Park.

The Vatican had originally estimated more than 1 million people would turn out for the Mass, and government organizers put the crowd at above 1 million people in the hour before the service began.

But Gabriel Almeida, the government spokesman at the scene, rolled back the estimate to several hundred thousand after officials viewed aerial images of the area.

Across the park, flags from Ecuador and more than a half dozen other countries waved above the enormous sea of people, who were divided into quadrants that Francis looped around slowly on his pope-mobile to cheers of "Francisco! Francisco!"

The pope's homily brought Janeth Valencia Bersosa to tears. The primary school teacher came to the Mass with her older sister Pilar from Cuenca, about 125 miles (200 kilometers) away, spending the night in the park and then basking under the heat of the noontime Mass. She said it was worth it.

"Francis has given us back hope in our families, in those we love the most, the nucleus of society," she said. "I wept at each phrase."

Francis has dedicated the first two years of his pontificate to family issues, giving

bishops on these issues ended last year in bitter divisions between liberals and conservatives, particularly over ministering to gays and to Catholics who divorce and remarry outside the church. Church teaching holds that Catho-

families in our time."

"I ask you to pray fervently for this intention, so that Christ can take even what might seem to us impure, scandalous or threatening, and turn it ... into a miracle."

"Families today need mira-



Pope Francis walks with his pastoral staff to celebrate a Mass in Guayaquil, Ecuador, Monday, July 6, 2015. Latin America's first pope arrived in this port city on Monday for the first big event of a three-nation tour where he's set compassion for the weak and respect for the environment as central themes.

(AP Photo/Gregorio Borgia)

weekly catechism lessons on different aspects of family life and inviting the entire church to study ways to provide better pastoral care for Catholic families facing difficulties today, including people who are divorced, gays and families in "nontraditional" situations.

A preliminary meeting of

lics who enter into a second marriage without having the first one annulled cannot receive Communion. In his homily Monday, Francis said he hoped the second meeting of bishops on family life, scheduled for October, would come up with "concrete solutions to the many difficult and significant challenges facing

cles!" he added.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said Francis wasn't referring to the gay or divorce issue specifically but was making a more general reference that he hoped the bishops would "help the church chart this path of leaving a situation of sin to one of grace." □



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Iran now pushes for an end to arms embargo in nuclear deal

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WASHINGTON/VIENNA (AP)

— As negotiators braced for yet another possible extension of nuclear talks, Iran demanded on Monday that any deal should include the end to a U.N. arms embargo as well — a condition backed by Russia but opposed by the United States as it seeks to limit Tehran's Mideast influence. Late last month, Iran and six world powers gave themselves an extra week past June 30 after it became clear that that original deadline could not be met. The sides now are trying to work out a deal that would limit Iran's nuclear program in exchange for the easing of tens of billions of dollars in economic penalties on the Islamic Republic. But disagreements persisted as the sides moved close to the new Tuesday deadline, and White House spokesman Josh Earnest said another extension was "certainly possible."

Negotiators had previously mentioned the mechanics of curbing Iran's nuclear programs and the time



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, left, talks with British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond, right, as they meet with foreign ministers from China, Germany and France at an hotel in Vienna, Austria Monday, July 6, 2015. Iran's foreign minister said on Monday some differences still remained between Iran and six powers over the country's disputed nuclear programme ahead of Tuesday's deadline for a final agreement to end a 12-year-old dispute.

(Carlos Barria/Pool Photo via AP)

and pacing of economic sanctions relief as the most contentious problems. But an Iranian official — briefing reporters on condition of anonymity — said Monday that ending the arms embargo was an important part of the deal.

The Iranian decision to publicly bring that issue into the mix suggested that disputes ran deeper than just over the most widely aired issues.

A preliminary nuclear deal reached in April did not specifically name the arms embargo on Iran as part of the long-term accord. But a U.S. fact-sheet issued at the time said that the deal now being worked on would result in "the comprehensive lifting of all U.N. Security Council sanctions" on the Islamic Republic, which could be interpreted to include the arms embargo.

Still, the U.S. also said at the time that "important restrictions on conventional arms and ballistic missiles" would be incorporated in any new U.N. guidelines for Iran. Both Russia and China have expressed support for at least a partial lifting of the arms embargo.

Moscow, in particular, is interested in military cooperation and in Russian arms sales to Tehran, including the long-delayed transfer of S-300 advanced air defense systems — something long opposed by Washington.

The U.S. doesn't want the arms ban ended because it fears Tehran could expand its military assistance for Syrian President Bashar Assad, for Houthi rebels in Yemen fighting a U.S. backed Arab coalition and for Lebanon-based Hezbollah, which opposes Israel. Lifting the embargo also would increase already strong opposition to the deal in Congress and in Israel.

With the arms embargo prohibiting both exports of weapons to Iran and exports by Iran — and Russia wanting to sell arms to Teh-

ran — one possible solution would be lifting the ban only on importing weapons to the Islamic Republic and not on exports.

Iran also wants to have a hand in shaping any Security Council resolution that would endorse a comprehensive nuclear deal, if one is reached, the Iranian official said.

He offered no details but told reporters that Iran and Security Council members at the nuclear talks are drafting language for a proposed U.N. resolution and that Tehran is seeking a shift from the critical tone of previous resolutions on its nuclear program. All five Security Council members — the U.S., Russia, China, Britain and France — are at the table with Iran, along with Germany.

A U.S. official confirmed that a resolution text was being discussed at the talks. Both the Iranian and the U.S. officials demanded anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the issue publicly.

The Iranian official spoke of good progress on some previously divisive topics. □



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Touting progress, Obama says Islamic State is losing ground



President Barack Obama arrives to receive an update on the Islamic State group from military leaders at the Pentagon on Monday, July 6, 2015.

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Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama portrayed the U.S.-led coalition Monday as gaining ground against the Islamic State amid an expanded U.S. effort and ample signs of progress, but conceded more difficulties lay ahead in fighting what he described as a nimble and opportunistic enemy. “We’re starting to see some progress,” the president said during a rare visit to the Pentagon, ticking off a list of towns in Iraq and Syria he said had been wrested from IS control in recent weeks. Flanked by top military commanders, Obama also warned of the Islamic State’s efforts to recruit and inspire vulnerable people in the United States, and called on the American Muslim community to “step up in terms of pushing back as hard as they can.” He said that while the U.S. is now better prepared to

thwart large-scale terrorist attacks like 9/11, the threat from individual “lone wolves” or small terrorist cells has increased. “We’re going to have to pick up our game to prevent these attacks,” Obama said. The Pentagon visit followed a wave of weekend airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition in eastern Syria, including the de facto IS capital of Raqqa, in one of the most sustained aerial operations carried out in Syria to date. Obama pointed to those and other airstrikes as proof of an intensified U.S. effort to undermine the militant group’s base of operations and cut off their sources of funding. Obama’s afternoon visit to the Pentagon offered a public display of presidential support for the military one day before Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Martin Dempsey were expected to be grilled on

Capitol Hill. Senate Armed Services Chairman John McCain has sharply criticized Obama for not doing more militarily to defeat IS, and said Monday that the U.S. is losing the battle as the extremist group continues to gain territory in Iraq and Syria. “President Obama’s comments today reveal the disturbing degree of self-delusion that characterizes the administration’s campaign against ISIL,” McCain said, using another acronym for the group. Although the president said there were “no current plans” to send more U.S. troops to Iraq, he did not rule out that possibility in the future. Obama has

vowed to keep American service members out of direct combat, but has sent more than 3,000 U.S. troops to advise and assist the beleaguered Iraqi military — including the deployment of 450 additional service members announced last month. Efforts to train local forces in Iraq and Syria, however, have been slow to take shape. Last month, Obama acknowledged that the U.S. lacks a “complete strategy” for training Iraqi troops to carry out ground missions. And in Syria, fewer than 100 rebels are being trained by the U.S., far fewer than the goal of producing 5,400 fighters a year. □

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Colorado: Theater shooter's parents endure trial's details

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Associated Press
CENTENNIAL, Colorado

(AP) — Colorado theater shooter James Holmes' parents show up in court every day. But more than two months into his trial, their son has yet to turn around and acknowledge them.

Prosecutors say Holmes held his parents at a distance to conceal his plans for the July 2012 attack that killed 12 and injured 70. Defense attorneys say the fraying family ties show a delusional young man who couldn't bear revealing his struggle.

Holmes' parents have made few public statements since the attack. But Arlene Holmes says in a book she prays for the victims and feels self-guilt. She and her husband may be called to testify at sentencing if the jury convicts their son, who they say has mental illness.

Just before the trial, Holmes' parents begged for a plea deal that would spare his life.

"We have always loved him, and we do not want



Robert Holmes, far right, father of theatre shooting suspect James Holmes, heads into a hearing in Centennial, Colo., in the murder trial of his son, who is charged with killing 12 moviegoers and wounding 70 more in a shooting spree in a crowded theatre in Aurora, Colo., in July 2012.

(AP Photo/David Zalubowski)

him to be executed," they said in a statement in December.

Now, the couple sits two rows behind him in the courtroom. They have heard scores of victims describe the slaughter their son inflicted. They have declined to comment during

the trial, and court orders prevent reporters from approaching them.

"We are mourners — just like everyone else in the courtroom and nothing like anyone else in the courtroom because we are the parents," Arlene wrote in the book of prayers and

reflections published earlier this year.

The relationship Arlene and Robert Holmes had with their son had been strained since he was a boy. Holmes has told a psychiatrist that he doesn't like to talk with people, even his mother and father. □

Deadly weekend in Chicago highlights city's gang warfare

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CHICAGO (AP) — A 7-year-old boy who was one of seven people shot to death in Chicago over the Independence Day holiday weekend was the son of a gang leader. Police say the man was targeted in the shooting and his refusal to cooperate with detectives highlights the city's ongoing challenge to curb gang-related violence.

During the Fourth of July holiday weekend, 48 people were wounded by gunfire in 34 separate incidents in Chicago. Seven homicides also were reported during the same three-day period last year, and this year's total in the third-largest U.S. city nearly matched the combined numbers for New York (one), Los Angeles (three) and Houston (five) — the other cities that rank in the top four in population. Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy has repeatedly lamented that the lack of tough gun laws in the state of Illinois has made the streets that much more dangerous because of the quickness with which people arrested on gun charges are back on the street. Among them, he said, is the father of the young shooting victim. McCarthy said that the bullet that struck Amari Brown in the chest "was meant for his father," whom he described as a "ranking gang member" who had been arrested 45 times. Antonio Brown's refusal to cooperate with the investigation is a familiar hurdle for Chicago police that as of Monday had yet to capture a suspect in Amari's death. After Brown was arrested for gun possession last April, he was released on bail the next day, McCarthy said. □

Police: No suspect in \$75,000 Wal-Mart theft

BRISTOW, Okla. (AP) — Investigators were working Monday to identify a man who took more than \$75,000 from an Oklahoma Wal-Mart after disguising himself as an armored truck driver.

Bristow Police Chief Wayne Williams said authorities in northeast Oklahoma have received some anonymous tips about the identity of the man whose image was captured by a video surveillance camera.

"We've got some calls out on it, but nothing yet," Wil-

liams said. He said officials do not believe the suspect lives in the area.

Authorities say the suspect entered the Wal-Mart store in Bristow about 10:30 a.m. Saturday, walked to the cash office, signed for the deposit and walked out of the store. He drove away in a dark four-door Chevrolet.

"He came to the Wal-Mart kind of dressed like a Loomis armored car driver," Williams said. Wal-Mart employees called police after the real Loomis employee

arrived about 45 minutes later. Bristow is about 35 miles southwest of Tulsa.

Williams said Wal-Mart has alerted its other stores about the theft and his department has notified other law enforcement agencies.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. spokeswoman Betsy Harden said she was not aware of any similar incidents involving other Wal-Mart stores.

"Obviously, it's an ongoing investigation," Harden said. She declined to comment on whether the Ben-

tonville, Arkansas-based company plans to alter its policy on verifying the identity of workers who transport its cash deposits. Williams said investigators have no evidence the suspect may have once worked for an armored transportation service and was familiar with its procedures.

"It's not something we suspect. It's a possibility," Williams said.

Loomis spokesman Danny Pack declined to comment on the case. □



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South Carolina Senate votes to take down Confederate flag

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Associated Press

COLUMBIA, South Carolina (AP) — The South Carolina Senate voted Monday to remove the Confederate flag from a pole on the Statehouse grounds, though the proposal still needs approval from the state House and the governor.

Lawmakers had largely ignored calls to remove the rebel flag until the killing of nine black people during a Bible study at a historic African-American church on June 17.

The bill requires a two-thirds vote in each chamber of the legislature. The Senate approved it 37-3 on Monday, but the bill still needs approval the state House. Republican Gov. Nikki Haley has said she wants the flag to come down and will sign the bill.

Monday's vote comes less than a week after the 15th anniversary of South Carolina taking the flag off the Capitol dome where it had flown since the early 1960s and moving it to beside a monument honoring Confederate soldiers.

Earlier Monday, the Senate rejected a pair of amendments: one that would only fly the flag on Confederate Memorial Day, and one that would leave the flag's fate up to a popular vote. State Sen. Lee Bright, who suggested the popular vote amendment, said the Confederate flag has been misused by people like Dylann Roof, who is charged with nine counts of murder in the church shootings and posed in pictures posted online with the rebel banner.

A survey asking lawmakers how they intend to vote after Haley's call to remove the flag found at least 33 senators and 83 House members agreed with her,

satisfying the two-thirds majority required by law to alter the flag's position. But the survey by The Post and Courier newspaper, the South Carolina Press Association and The Associated Press asked only about whether to keep or lower the flag.

The flag will not come down Monday. There are indications the proposal could have a tougher road in the House. Some powerful Republicans have not said how they will vote, including Speaker Jay Lucas.

Some Republicans want to keep the flagpole and put a different flag on it. Suggestions have included the U.S. flag, the South Carolina flag and a flag that may have been flown by Confederate troops but does not have the same connections as the red banner with the blue cross and white stars.

Democrats have said they



William Cheek, left, Nelson Waller, center, and Jim Collins, right, protest proposals to remove the Confederate flag from the grounds of the South Carolina Statehouse on Monday, July 6, 2015, in Columbia, S.C. The South Carolina Senate voted Monday to remove the Confederate flag from a pole on the Statehouse grounds, though the proposal still needs approval from the state House and the governor. (AP Photo/Jeffrey Collins)

cannot support any flag linked to the Confederacy. Haley and business leaders

agree. The Confederacy was the group of southern, pro-slavery states that

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After vote win, Greek leaders face pressure to restart talks



Outgoing Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis is surrounded by media as he tries to leave on his motorcycle, after his resignation in Athens, Monday, July 6, 2015. Greece and its membership in Europe's joint currency faced an uncertain future Monday, with the country under pressure to reach a bailout deal with creditors as soon as possible after Greeks resoundingly rejected the notion of more austerity in exchange for aid.

(AP Photo/Petros Karadjias)

DEREK GATOPOULOS
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Associated Press
ATHENS, Greece (AP) —

Despite triumphing in a popular vote against austerity, Greece's leaders Monday faced the urgent need to heal ties with European creditors and reach a financial rescue deal to prevent it from falling

out of the euro — possibly within days.

"Time is of the essence," German Chancellor Angela Merkel said after discussing the Greek crisis with French President Francois Hollande in Paris. "(Greek) proposals have to be on the table this week."

Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras won big in Sunday's referendum, with 61 percent of voters rejecting the economic measures creditors had proposed in exchange for loans Greece needs to remain afloat. He also received the rare backing of opposition parties to restart bailout negotiations.

But his bolstered mandate to push for better concessions from creditors hit the hard reality of the country's deteriorating finances, with banks facing the risk of collapse within days unless a rescue deal is reached.

Hours after revelers left Athens' main Syntagma Square to celebrate the "no" victory, pensioners crowded outside nearby banks to collect emergency payments, markets worldwide were rocked by the result, and European lenders warned that Greece faced a strict deadline to avoid disaster.

The European Central Bank maintained its level of cash assistance to Greek banks ahead of Tuesday's emergency meeting of European leaders in Brussels, to be joined by Tsipras.

In a sign of compromise, Tsipras appointed a new finance minister to lead talks with creditors and replace Yanis Varoufakis, the hard-talking professor who clashed regularly with his European counterparts. Euclid Tsakalotos, a 55-year-old economist, has appeared more willing to engage with creditors and will be tested as soon as Tuesday, at a meeting of the other 18 eurozone finance ministers in Brussels. "I won't hide from you that I am very nervous and very anxious. I am not taking over at the easiest moment in Greek history,"

Tsakalotos said after being sworn in.

World leaders digested the news from the Athens and the significance of a "no" vote after leading European politicians had urged Greeks to approve the austerity measures.

Longtime Cuban leader Fidel Castro wrote to Tsipras, saying his "bravery has won admiration by the peoples of Latin America." In Paris, Merkel and Hollande both expressed their respect for the result of the Greek vote, but urged swift action from Athens.

"I stress that there is not lots of time left. There is urgency for Greece. There is urgency for Europe," Hollande said.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said Greece needs to enact reforms that will spur economic growth and comply with obligations to pay off its debt to remain part of the eurozone.

"We're inclined to help Greece but Greece must follow Europe's rules," he said in an interview on Spain's Telecinco evening news program.

The ongoing Greek drama hurt stocks around the world, particularly in Europe. The losses were not as great as some had feared, however, suggesting investors think that a Greek exit from the euro, while devastating for the country and destabilizing in Europe, would be manageable for the global economy. "The 'no' vote in Greece's referendum on Sunday dramatically increases the risk of a slide toward a disorderly Greek exit from the eurozone," ratings agency Fitch said. "An agreement between Greece and its official creditors remains possible, but time is short and the risk of policy missteps, or that the two sides simply cannot agree a deal, is high." Tsipras has agreed to imposing more harsh austerity measures, following a six-year recession, but he wants eurozone lenders to grant the country better terms for bailout debt repayments. □



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Egypt anti-terror bill speeds trials, tightens hand on media



President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, center, speaks at the funeral of the top public prosecutor Hisham Barakat, killed in a terrorist attack in Cairo, Egypt. After a series of stunning militant attacks, including the assassination of Barakat, the government is pushing through a new controversial anti-terrorism draft bill. (Egyptian Presidency via AP)

SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — After a series of stunning militant attacks, Egypt's government is pushing through a controversial new anti-terrorism draft bill that would set up special terrorism courts, shorten the appeals process, give police greater

powers of arrest and imprison journalists who report information on attacks that differs from the official government line.

The draft raised concerns that officials are taking advantage of heightened public shock at last week's audacious attacks to effectively enshrine into law

the notorious special emergency laws which were in place for decades until they were lifted following the 2011 ouster of autocrat Hosni Mubarak. Rather than reviewing security policies since the attacks, officials have largely been focusing blame on the media for allegedly demoralizing troops and on the slowness of the courts.

The 55-article bill has not been officially made public but was leaked to the Egyptian press over the weekend. A judicial official who vetted the draft confirmed its contents to The Associated Press on Monday. The bill is currently in a review process, leaving it unclear when it will be issued or whether changes could be made. Since Egypt has not had a

parliament for more than two years, laws are issued by the president, Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, after going through the Cabinet. In the absence of parliament, any debate is largely through media or behind closed doors.

The leaked copy of the bill brought an outcry and demands for changes in the draft from Egypt's journalists union and from senior judges. "The disaster is that now they have decided to punish those who are carrying the news and not those responsible for the catastrophes," Khaled Balshi, of the Press Syndicate, told the AP. The government "seeks a press that fits it, a la North Korea."

The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists has said that at least

18 journalists were behind bars in Egypt as of June 1 and accused the government of using the pretext of national security to crack-down on freedoms. Four more journalists were arrested last week, the group said. "Imposing jail time for publishing news about any topic, including government's account of public events, contradicts Egypt's own constitution and defies any standard of free press. Journalists' basic function in any democratic society is to vet government behavior and Egypt is not an exception," Sherif Mansour of CPJ wrote to AP in an email. The bill "pushes further the government ability to, and its practice of, crushing critical and independent voices inside the country." □

EU official: Migrant boats also carrying ISIS fighters

JOHN DAHLBURG
Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union's top prosecutor said Monday she has been told that smugglers' boats bringing migrants across the Mediterranean to Europe are also carrying Islamic State group fighters.

Michele Coninx, head of the EU's judicial cooperation agency Eurojust, told reporters she received the information as part of the organization's efforts to help EU nations jointly respond to illegal immigration, terrorism and cyber-crime. Coninx said the agency's coordination efforts are ongoing and

she couldn't divulge what information EU nations had provided. She told The Associated Press it isn't yet clear what problem the reported infiltration of Islamic militants may pose for European law enforcement. But she said groups like Islamic State are also using proceeds from people trafficking to fund terrorism. Eurojust, she said, is one of several EU agencies mobilized to shut down traffickers' operations.

"We're going after the criminals. We're going after the money," said Coninx, a career prosecutor from Belgium who is also Eurojust's chief official for terrorism investigations. □



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Iraqi fighter jet accidentally bombs Baghdad, 12 killed

SINAN SALAHEDDIN
Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — An Iraqi fighter jet accidentally dropped a bomb on a Baghdad neighborhood Monday, killing at least 12 people on the ground, Iraqi officials said. The plane — one of several Russian-made Sukhois used by Iraq in the fight against the Islamic State group — was returning to base at the time. Military spokesman Brig. Gen. Saad Maan Ibrahim told The Associated Press a technical failure caused the jet to drop the bomb, which hit houses in the Iraqi capital's eastern neighborhood of New Baghdad. Three children and two women were among the dead, a police officer at

the scene and a medical official at a nearby hospital said. At least 25 were wounded, the two officials added. AP footage showed rescue teams in orange jumpsuits and blue helmets searching through the rubble. At least one victim was seen wrapped in a blanket and rushed to an ambulance. Iraq is going through its worst crisis since the 2011 withdrawal of U.S. troops. The Islamic State group controls large swaths of the country's north and west after capturing Iraq's second-largest city of Mosul and the majority of the western Anbar province last year. Also Monday, separate attacks in and around Baghdad killed at least seven people. □



Iraqi security forces search for survivors after a bombing in the eastern neighborhood of New Baghdad. Iraq, Monday, July 6, 2015. At least a dozen civilians were killed on Monday when a Russian-made fighter jet accidentally dropped a bomb over a Baghdad neighborhood, officials said. (AP Photo/ Hadi Mizban)

Official: Islamic State fighters regain control of Syrian town

BEIRUT (AP) — The Islamic State group has regained control of a northern Syrian town captured by Kurdish fighters two weeks ago, activists and IS-linked social media outlets reported Monday. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said IS fighters seized Ein Issa and nearby areas before noon Monday. The fall of the town — described as being “liberated” on IS-associated outlets — comes after the main Kurdish militia known as the People's Protection Units, or YPG, captured wide areas in northern Syria from the extremists, including the border town of Tal Abyad, once a main point for IS trade and smuggling in of foreign fighters. In another push, IS fighters last month attacked the northern Syrian town of Ko-

bani, killing more than 200 people in the town that became a symbol of Kurdish resistance against extremists. Fighting continued for days until IS militants were killed or surrendered. Earlier Monday, the Islamic State released a new video purporting to show the killing of two Syrian men in the militants' stronghold of Raqqa, allegedly for spying on the group. IS has killed hundreds of people since it declared an Islamic caliphate in June last year with the city of Raqqa as its de facto capital. The video, which was posted on an IS-linked Facebook page, shows two young men in orange jumpsuits, saying they filmed and photographed IS-held areas in Syria and sent footage to a person abroad. □

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China will snub hearing on feud with Philippines

JIM GOMEZ

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) —

China is standing pat on its decision to reject arbitration by an international tribunal that will begin formal hearings this week to resolve a long-seething feud between Beijing and Manila over the South China Sea, the Chinese ambassador to Manila said Monday. The five-member tribunal starts hearings in The Hague on Tuesday to address China's contention that the arbitration body does not have authority to assume jurisdiction over Manila's complaint against Beijing.

A high-level delegation that includes the Philippines' solicitor-general and the heads of the foreign, defense and justice departments, along with Washington-based lawyers hired by Manila, has flown to The Hague to argue the Philippines' case.

The dayslong hearings are crucial because the Philippines' complaint against China could no longer be heard if the tribunal declares it has no jurisdiction over the case.

Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario has said that the Philippines would accept any ruling, "win or lose."

Although Beijing would likely ignore any decision, especially an adversarial one, Philippine officials said they hope China would eventually honor any ruling to show that it's a global leader that adheres to the rule of law.

Chinese Ambassador Zhao Jianhua told reporters in Manila that his government would stick to its decision not to participate in the arbitration and instead renewed China's offer to resolve the conflict through one-on-one negotiations with the Philippines. □

Fugitive warlord Joseph Kony said to be sickly



In this 2006 photo, Joseph Kony, leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, speaks in Congo near the Sudan border. The fugitive leader of the Lord's Resistance Army is sickly and in retreat from an international manhunt that includes U.S. forces, a Ugandan military spokesman said Monday, citing the accounts of recent defectors who are backing up reports that the rebel group is in decline. (AP Photo, File)

R. MUHUMUZA

Associated Press

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) —

The fugitive leader of the Lord's Resistance Army is sickly and in retreat from an international manhunt that includes U.S. forces, a Ugandan military spokes-

man said Monday, citing the accounts of recent defectors who are backing up reports that the rebel group is in decline. Joseph Kony is possibly suffering from diabetes, according to defectors who surrendered to Ugandan troops last month in Central African Republic, said Lt. Col. Paddy Ankunda. That account is probably true, he said, because Ugandan intelligence over the years "also indicates that Kony has diabetes."

Kasper Agger, a researcher with the watchdog group Enough Project, said he receives many reports of Kony's failing health but it is impossible to independently verify them. The reports from defectors suggest that the apparently ill Kony "doesn't have the same willingness to fight," he said.

Although many of the defectors said Kony is suffering from diabetes, some also suggested the elusive warlord has AIDS, he said. Kony is believed to be hiding in Kafia Kingi, a Sudanese-controlled enclave on the border of Central African Republic and South Sudan. Watchdog

groups have described Kafia Kingi as a safe haven for Kony because African troops hunting for him do not have access to the territory.

The Lord's Resistance Army, which originated in Uganda in the 1980s as a tribal uprising against the government, became notorious for kidnapping children as fighters and forcing girls to be sex slaves. Kony became infamous across the world in 2012 when the advocacy group Invisible Children released an online video that highlighted his alleged crimes.

The group is reportedly in decline, with many of its fighters surrendering or dying in firefights with African troops across Central Africa.

About 100 U.S. military advisers are helping Ugandan and Congolese troops to hunt down the rebels. □

Bombs at mosque, cafe in Nigerian city kill 51

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Associated Press

JOS, Nigeria (AP) —

Two bombs blamed on the Islamic extremist group Boko Haram exploded at a crowded mosque and a posh Muslim restaurant in Nigeria's central city of Jos, killing 51 people, officials said Monday.

The blasts on Sunday night came hours after a woman suicide bomber blew up at a crowded evangelical Christian church service in the northeastern city of Potiskum, killing six people, according to witnesses.

Also Sunday, extremists returned to northeastern villages attacked three days earlier, killing nine villagers and burning down 32 churches and about 300 homes, said Stephen

Apagu, chairman of a self-defense group in Borno state's Askira-Uba local government area. He said the militia killed three militants.

Sunday's attacks are the latest in a string blamed on Boko Haram that have now killed about 300 people in the past week. In the most deadly, more than 140 people were killed, most men and boys as they prayed in mosques in northeastern Kukawa town on Wednesday.

The attacks may correspond to an Islamic State group order for more mayhem during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Boko Haram became the Islamic State group's West Africa franchise earlier this year.

In Jos, 51 people died

and were buried Monday morning, Muslim community lawyer Ahmed Garba told a news conference.

Another 67 people were wounded, according to Abdussalam Mohammed, the National Emergency Management Agency coordinator. Police confirmed the explosions but said a final toll must wait as they are still excavating rubble. The explosion at the Yantaya Mosque came as leading cleric Sani Yahaya of the Jama'atu Izalatul Bidia organization, which preaches peaceful co-existence of all religions, was addressing a crowd, according to survivors.

Gunmen opened fire on the mosque from three directions, said Garba, the lawyer.

Survivor Danladi Sani said

he saw a man robed in white open fire aimed at Yahaya, and then blow himself up. Yahaya was unharmed, he said.

"He is a great Islamic scholar who has spoken out against Boko Haram, and that is why we believe he was the target," Sani told The Associated Press.

Another bomb exploded at Shagalinku, a restaurant patronized by state governors and other elite politicians seeking specialties from Nigeria's mainly Muslim north, witnesses said.

Sabi'u Bako bought a take-out and then heard a massive blast as he walked away with friends. "The restaurant was destroyed and we saw many people covered in blood," he said. "We can't believe that we escaped." □

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Heritage title for Japan sites draws mixed reaction

ELAINE KURTENBACH
 Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese officials Monday celebrated the U.N. cultural body's approval of world heritage status for 23 historic sites showing the country's transformation from feudal isolation into an industrial power at the end of the 19th century. Seoul portrayed the decision as a diplomatic win after Japan also agreed to acknowledge its history of forcing tens of thousands of South Koreans, Chinese and World War II prisoners of war to work at dozens of factories, mines and other industrial facilities, conscripted to fill labor shortages especially toward the end of the war. China called for a better accounting from Tokyo on its past forced labor practices. Though the number of survivors is dwindling, some of those who endured starvation, abuse by their captors and bombardment are still seeking redress, or at least apology.



Tourists visit Hashima Island, commonly known as Gunkanjima, which means " Battleship Island," off Nagasaki, Nagasaki Prefecture, southern Japan. Japanese officials Monday celebrated the U.N. cultural body's approval of world heritage status for 23 historic sites.

(AP Photo/Eugene Hoshiko)

Until recently, Seoul had objected to the listing by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee unless the role of Korean prisoners forced to work at the sites during World War II was formally recognized. The two

countries sparred for weeks but eventually reached a compromise that finessed the issue. It is unlikely to entirely finish it, however.

"Japan is prepared to take measures that allow an understanding that there

were a large number of Koreans and others who were brought against their will and forced to work under harsh conditions in the 1940s at some of the sites," the Japanese delegation said in a statement. □

CARIBBEAN News Briefs

Trinidad police, soldiers to help combat gangs

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP) — Trinidad and Tobago's leader has created a combined national security force to combat gang violence in a crime-troubled community. Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar says the initiative dubbed "Operation Restore" will join together police officers and soldiers to "restore peace" in the central area of Enterprise, where gun violence by feuding gangs has recently escalated. She says the combined security forces "will operate 24/7 in that community to detect and suppress acts of violence." □

AP: Guyana will enforce 'last call for alcohol' law

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — The last call for alcohol will come a little earlier now in the South American country of Guyana. Authorities say they are enforcing a previously ignored law that requires bars and other businesses where people gather to drink to close at 2 a.m. Public Security Minister Khemraj Ramjattan said that he hopes this will help reduce violent crime, alcohol abuse and traffic accidents. He said the government will keep enforcing that law despite heavy public criticism. □

Barbados:

Union members rally against 'age discrimination'

CAROL WILLIAMS
 Associated Press

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP) — About 3,000 chanting protesters took to the streets of Barbados' capital Monday to join a union-led rally against the recent dismissals of about a dozen public workers nearing retirement age. Sanitation and other services were disrupted in Bridgetown during the rare street demonstration by government clerks and other public workers. Trade

union bosses led chants and protesters carried placards reading slogans such as "Respect workers' rights" and "Get it right or we will fight." The National Union of Public Workers organized the rally in protest against last month's firing of 13 workers at a state-run development agency. Those workers were all 60 years old. The national retirement age is 67.

Union president Akanni McDowall said members

are fighting against blatant "age discrimination." They worry that other public agencies could unfairly dismiss public workers nearing retirement age unless there is an organized response. Public workers at ports, the water authority and the national bus service were not asked to join the Monday protest. But the union leader warned that could change. "Let it be known that if we do not get what we want we will be calling out all of the workers in Bar-

bados," McDowall said. The union is demanding that the 13 workers go back to work or get compensated for seven more years of service. Prime Minister Freundel Stuart said disruptive street protests were not in the best interests of the island's 28,000 public workers and could damage the economy. Stuart called for "all of the remedies at our disposal" to be attempted to resolve the differences between the two sides. □



La Cabana Resort Helps the Community: An Act of Kindness Done for Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds

EAGLE BEACH - During the month of April, La Cabana's Green and Health Committee together with the Human Resources held two lunch presentations for their associates with invited guest Mrs. Lily Prins, President of the Koningin Wilhelmina Cancer Foundation. In these presentations, Mrs. Prins spoke about the history of the foundation; the types of assistance they offer to those stricken by cancer and how the monies are raised to cover the cost involved. The KWF does not receive any financial support and all the members of the foundation do volunteer work. KWF does not help those with a specific cancer only, but provides aid to anyone suffering with any type of cancer. There are over 100 types of cancer with different risk fac-

tors. The fight against cancer impacts the patient and the whole family. KWF is there to provide support for the patient and the family. If necessary they can arrange for psychological aid. KWF supplies prosthesis, silicone, brassiere, wigs in order to restore the women's dignity. They arrange transportation for the patients who don't have such when the time comes to go for chemo treatment on island or for radiation in Curacao. Due to the lengthy treatments abroad KWF will cover the travel expenses of a family member to replace the one covered by AZV that needs to return due to work schedule. They also provide special beds, equipment and professional care for the terminal patients. Besides the team of the free-lance nurses,



every service, item, equipment and care is provided free of charge. How does KWF accomplish all this? The expenses are astronomic. It is no secret that more and more people in our community get stricken by cancer. Major fundraising is done in April and part of May when volunteers hit the streets with collection bins. In September KWF organizes "Ride for the Roses" a walk and bike tour to raise additional income. The Aruba community is generous; however the funds raised do not cover the yearly expenses. Aruba's growth and devel-


opment came along with cancer and its exorbitant expenses. Residents must undergo a change of life style and take control of their life. Think quality of life after a chemo or radiation therapy. The Green and Health Committee together with Human Resources felt that it was necessary to assist KWF in their noble work by joining forces and help raise funds. The Committee members sold handmade ribbons to fellow associates, stood alongside the streets with collection bins, held a bazaar and lastly sold beverage containers

and other cancer awareness products. These efforts brought in over Fl.7000.00 which was presented to Mrs. Lupina Croes, Treasurer of KWF.

The Green and Health Committee is aware that the foundation did not meet their goal this year despite the wonderful contribution of the local community due to the increase in expenses involved. The Committee thanks KWF for the opportunity to help raise funds. It was a pleasure and it was done from the heart as a way to thank KWF for all they do for the community. The Committee is therefore considering organizing another fund raising bazaar in the coming months to assist KWF in their endeavors and is calling upon all organizations, hotels, business entities to follow their example and help raise funds for KWF. Our Island citizens desperately rely on KWF and their unconditional help when cancer knocks on the door.


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EAGLE BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring three very nice island guests at the Aruba Beach Club as Goodwill Ambassador and Emerald Ambassadors! The symbolic honorary titles are presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20-to-34 and 34-or-more consecutive years. The first happy honoree was Mr. Anthony Ferrari of Virginia Beach, honored



as Goodwill Ambassador. Anthony's parents began visiting Aruba 40 years ago from Italy. They convinced their son Anthony to come to Aruba as well, and he has been coming now for 25 years consecutively!

The next happy honorees were Mrs. Beverly Marshall and Mrs. Shirley Duckett of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, honored as Emerald Ambassadors! The Aruba Tourism Authority was proud to present the commemorative Emerald Coins and Emerald Certificates to Beverly and Shirley, representing 35 years of consecutive visits to our island. Anthony, Beverly and Shirley all love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the climate, beaches, restaurants, relaxation and being on Aruba is like being in paradise for them. The certificates were presented by Mrs. Darline S. de Cuba representing Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mrs. Kenia Brito of the Aruba Beach Club. □



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The honorees were Mr. William and Mrs. Suzanne Bradley and Ms. Barbara Mort of Cicero, New York.

William, Suzanne and Barbara are loyal members of the Casa Del Mar and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the safety, the climate, beaches, and restaurants. They say Aruba feels like a second home, the people are like family to them and the Casa Del Mar is truly their home away from home!

The certificates were presented by Ms. Darline de Cuba representing the Aruba Tourism Authority. Mr. General Manager Bob Curtis was present at the ceremony and handed out some gifts to the honorees and also thanked them on behalf of Casa del Mar. □



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A Sunday, June 21, 2015 file photo of Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, watching his tee shot on the fifth hole during the final round of the U.S. Open golf tournament at Chambers Bay in University Place, Wash.

Associated Press

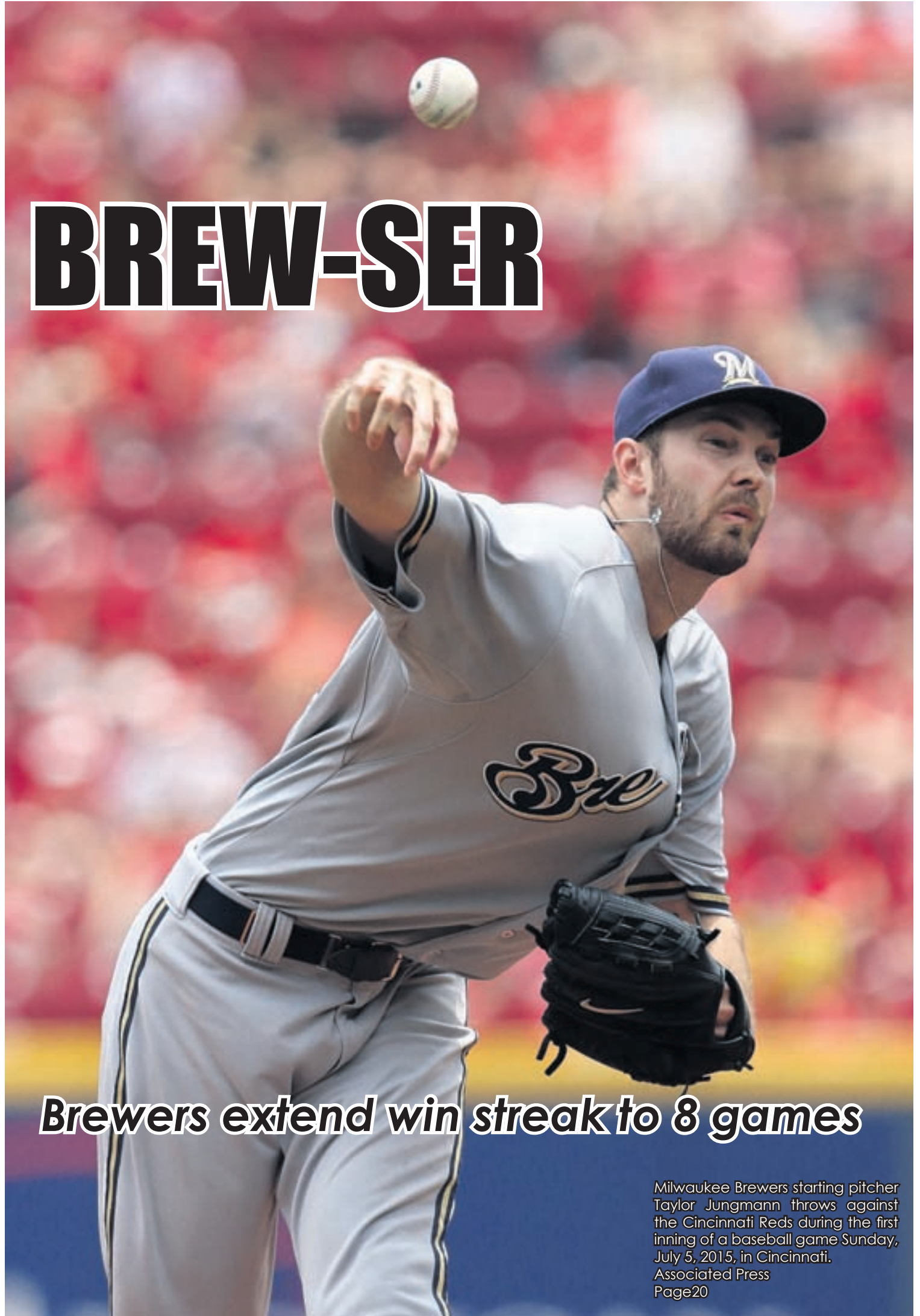
McIlroy ruptures ligament in ankle while playing soccer

LONDON (AP) — Rory McIlroy was on crutches Monday with an ankle injury from playing soccer, leaving in doubt the prospects of golf's No. 1 player defending his British Open title next week at St. Andrews. Just as excitement was building toward a potential clash at the Old Course between McIlroy and Jordan Spieth, McIlroy posted a jarring photo on Instagram showing him on crutches with a walking boot on this left ankle. The 26-year-old from Northern Ireland said it was a "total rupture" of an ankle ligament and the joint capsule that happened while he was playing soccer with friends.

Sean O'Flaherty, his chief spokesman, said McIlroy has withdrawn from the Scottish Open this week at Gullane. O'Flaherty said they would not know until later in the week the extent of the injury and whether McIlroy would be able to tee it up July 16 at St. Andrews.

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Brewers extend win streak to 8 games

Milwaukee Brewers starting pitcher Taylor Jungmann throws against the Cincinnati Reds during the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, July 5, 2015, in Cincinnati.
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Women's World Cup final seen by record 26.7M in U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) -- The United States' win over Japan in the Women's World Cup final was the most viewed soccer game in the history of American television. The 5-2 victory Sunday, which gave the Americans a record third title, was seen by 26.7 million viewers. Fox said Monday its English-language coverage drew a 12.9 rating was seen by an average of 25.4 million, and NBC's Telemundo said its telecast averaged 1.27 million. The audience peaked at 30.9 million from 8:30-8:45 p.m. as the game neared its end, and 43.2 million tuned into some portion of the match. Average viewership topped the previous mark of 26.5 million set when Germany beat Argentina in last year's men's World Cup final.

That was seen by 17.3 million on ABC and 9.2 million on Spanish-language Univision. Fox's viewership set a U.S. English-language record for soccer, topping the 18.22 million tuned to ESPN for the 2-2 draw between the American men and Portugal in the group stage on June 22 last year. The previous high for a women's match was 17,975,000 on ABC for the United States' penalty kicks win over China in the 1999 Women's World Cup final. Fox's viewership for this year's final at Vancouver, British Columbia, which started at 7 p.m. EDT, was nearly double the 13,458,000 that watched Japan's penalty-kicks win over the United States in the 2011 final. That game,

played in Frankfurt, Germany, started at 2:45 p.m. EDT. Fox's audience for the final exceeded the viewers for San Francisco's win over Kansas City in Game 7 of last year's World Series on Fox (23.5 million), Golden State's NBA title-winning victory over Cleveland last month on ABC (23,254,000) and Chicago's Stanley Cup-winning victory in Game 6 over Tampa Bay last month on NBC (8,005,000). It was the highest for any U.S. broadcast since an average of 28.3 million saw Duke beat Wisconsin on CBS to win the NCAA men's basketball title in April. The 52 World Cup matches on Fox, Fox Sports 1 and Fox Sports 2 averaged 1,824,000, a 21 percent increase from the average of



United States' Megan Rapinoe hoists the trophy as she celebrates after defeating Japan to win the FIFA Women's World Cup soccer championship in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, Sunday, July 5, 2015.

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1,511,000 for the 32 games of the 2011 tournament on ESPN and ESPN2. St. Louis had the highest average for the seven U.S. matches at 8.0, followed

by Kansas City (7.5), Washington, D.C. (7.3), Austin, Texas (6.6), San Diego (6.4), Richmond, Virginia (6.2), and Denver and Baltimore (6.1). □

MCILROY

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Ben Hogan in 1954 was the last British Open champion who did not play the following year. McIlroy had been the joint favorite along with Spieth. They have won the last four majors — the first time in nearly a century that two players in their 20s have shared four successive majors — and Spieth is headed to St. Andrews as only the fourth player with a chance at the Grand Slam. Players were shocked to hear the news. "Unlucky, obviously," Luke Donald said in a telephone interview. "I would never say, 'Don't play football or don't do these things.' You don't want to live in a bubble. It's just unlucky timing, especially this time of the year. Golf is exciting with Rory and Jordan. It's added a bit of spice to the game. It's a shame

if Rory were to miss the Open, which it looks like he might." Sergio Garcia, a runner-up to McIlroy at Royal Liverpool last year, tweeted, "So sad to hear about @RoryMcIlroy injury on his ankle. We will all miss you @TheOpen next week my friend. Fast and healthy recovery." McIlroy referred to his ATFL, which is the anterior talofibular ligament and the one most commonly sprained. The left ankle is crucial in a golf swing as weight transfers to that side of the body (for right-handers) in generating power. "That's a big blow to the Open if he misses it," former Ryder Cup captain Sam Torrance said from Wimbledon. McIlroy won the Open last year at Royal Liverpool by going wire-to-wire and taking a six-shot lead into the final round. He also won the PGA Championship, joining Jack Nicklaus, Tiger



In this image released Monday July 6, 2015 by world number one golfer Rory McIlroy shows him as he poses on crutches and with his left leg in a medical support.

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Woods and Bobby Jones as the only players in the last century with four majors at age 25 or younger. The injury brought to mind Woods winning the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines with a stress fracture and shredded knee ligaments in his left leg. Woods knew about the injury a month before the U.S. Open and was determined to play, mainly because he was a

six-time PGA Tour at Torrey Pines. No one saw this injury to McIlroy coming, however. Along with potentially missing the British Open, McIlroy faces a busy time of the year as defending champion of the World Golf Championship at Firestone and the PGA Championship, followed by the FedEx Cup in America and the Race to Dubai in Europe.

Shane Lowry of Ireland told the Irish Times that he heard about the injury on Saturday. "It's not ideal for him because he's wearing that boot and he's going to have everyone in the media on his back now," Lowry said. "But should he be playing football? I don't know. He likes playing football, and he likes playing football with his mates. What's wrong with that? ... People think because you're good at something you should just do that and focus on that, but that's not what life is about." McIlroy has an affinity with the Old Course. It's where he secured his European Tour card in 2007 as an 18-year-old at the Dunhill Links with a third-place finish. He also tied the major championship record of 63 when the British Open was held at St. Andrews in 2010, though McIlroy followed with an 80 in the wind. He tied for third at St. Andrews five years ago. □

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A win, then a hug: Serena Williams tops Venus at Wimbledon

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AP Tennis Writer

LONDON (AP) — Decades ago, when the Williams sisters were kids in California, taking tennis lessons from Dad on a municipal court and imagining playing at Grand Slam tournaments one day, it was Venus — older, taller, stronger — who usually beat Serena. Never a fan of losing to her sibling — who would be? — Serena cheated a tad every so often, lying about whether Venus' shots landed in or out.

"That's the past," Serena jokes now with an eye roll. "I was young."

As professionals, on the sport's biggest stages, Serena has been better, especially lately. On Monday at Centre Court, in the 26th all-Williams contest on tour but first at a major in six years, No. 1-seeded Serena played solidly enough to beat No. 16 Venus 6-4, 6-3 and reach the Wimbledon quarterfinals, closing in on the third leg of a calendar-year Grand Slam.

This matchup between five-time champions at the All England Club was one-sided, done in 68 minutes. It's Serena's sixth win in the past seven matches against Venus, part of a 15-11 edge overall.

When it ended, Serena walked calmly, quietly — none of her customary "Come on!" exuberance — to envelop Venus in a long hug.

On Serena's mind, it turns out, was this question: How many installments are left in this one-of-a-kind sibling rivalry?

"I just thought, 'Wow, I'm 33, and she just turned 35. I don't know how many more moments like this we'll have.' I plan on playing for years, but you never know if we'll have the



Serena Williams of the United States, left hugs her sister Venus Williams of the United States after winning their singles match, at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Monday July 6, 2015. Serena Williams won 6-4, 6-3.

Associated Press

opportunity to face each other," Serena said after they walked off court with matching red racket bags. "I just took the moment in, and I thought, 'We're at Wimbledon.' I remember when I was 8 years old, we dreamed of this moment, and it was kind of surreal." Venus' take on the likelihood of future meetings? "When that moment is over, it will be over," she said, shrugging her shoulders. "It's not now." Serena, 36-1 this season, has won 25 Grand Slam matches in a row. Get past former No. 1 Victoria Azarenka on Tuesday, then win twice more, and she would complete a self-styled "Ser-

ena Slam" of four consecutive major championships, something she also did in 2002-03. Looking further ahead, Serena could go to the U.S. Open with a chance at the first true Grand Slam — four majors in a single season — since Steffi Graf in 1988. When a reporter made a passing reference to that, Serena rested her chin on her left hand and declared: "I no longer answer questions about Grand Slams." Other matches Tuesday: Maria Sharapova vs. CoCo Vandeweghe, Agnieszka Radwanska vs. Madison Keys, Timea Bacsinszky vs. Garbine Muguruza. Serena, Keys and Vandeweghe

give the United States three Wimbledon women's quarterfinalists for the first time since 2004. Three of Wednesday's men's quarterfinals are set: Roger Federer against Gilles Simon, Andy Murray against Vasek Pospisil, and Stan Wawrinka against Richard Gasquet. Defending champion Novak Djokovic dropped the first two sets, then won the next two, before his fourth-round match against Kevin Anderson was suspended because of darkness. They'll play the fifth set Tuesday; the winner faces Marin Cilic. Until Monday, Venus hadn't dropped a set, but

Serena won Monday's first eight points and wound up with 36 winners and 13 unforced errors. "Very focused from the start. Very aggressive," said Serena's coach, Patrick Mouratoglou. "No matter who is on the other side of the court, that's Serena's job — to win. For Venus, also. But it's not something easy or pleasant against each other." The Williams' parents and other siblings weren't in the guest box, where rapper Drake sat next to Serena's agent, and singer John Legend and his wife, TV host Chrissy Teigen, sat behind Mouratoglou. □

4 Royals players elected to start in MLB All-Star Game

RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball's All-Star Game will have a Kansas City flavor, just not as much as it appeared last month. And the hometown Reds can celebrate a starter, too, despite Cincinnati's sorry season.

Four Royals players were voted to the American League starting lineup for the game, matching an AL record for most fan-elected starters from a single team.

AL champion Kansas City will be represented in the starting lineup by outfielders Lorenzo Cain and Alex Gordon, catcher Salvador Perez and shortstop Alcides Escobar.

Eight Royals were on track to start in vote totals announced June 15, but first baseman Eric Hosmer, third baseman Mike Moustakas, second baseman Omar Infante and designated hitter Kendrys Morales were overtaken in the voting. Kansas City had not had any starters since outfielder Jermaine Dye in 2000.

The results were announced Sunday for the July 14 game at Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati.

"Winning brings attention,



Kansas City Royals All-Stars for the 2015 game in Cincinnati are Salvador Perez, Alex Gordon, Alcides Escobar and Lorenzo Cain, who gathered for a photo at Kauffman Stadium following the teams

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and that's what we've been doing," Gordon said. "I think we play with a lot of energy, a lot of fun. People have noticed it."

Royals manager Ned Yost, manager of the AL team, has already made one decision: Cain will play right field and Mike Trout of the Los Angeles Angels will play center.

Trout will make his fourth

straight All-Star appearance.

Toronto's Josh Donaldson will start at third on the AL squad for the second straight year after receiving a record vote total of 14.09 million, topping Josh Hamilton's 11.07 million in 2012. Trout was second this year with 14 million.

Seattle's Nelson Cruz, suspended for the final 50

games of the 2013 season for violating baseball's drug agreement, was also elected to start on the AL squad for the second straight year.

Cincinnati's Todd Frazier leapfrogged St. Louis third baseman Matt Carpenter to make the National League starting lineup.

Washington outfielder Bryce Harper set a mark for

NL players with 13.86 million votes, topping the previous record of 7.62 million set three years ago by San Francisco catcher Buster Posey, who was elected to start again this year.

Other NL starters include Arizona first baseman Paul Goldschmidt, Miami second baseman Dee Gordon and St. Louis shortstop Jhonny Peralta, who also was suspended 50 games following Major League Baseball's investigation of the Biogenesis of America clinic.

MLB said 620 million votes were cast, breaking the old mark of 391 million in 2012.

At least two elected starters will miss the game because of injuries: Miami outfielder Giancarlo Stanton broke a hand on June 26 and Detroit first baseman Miguel Cabrera hurt his left calf Friday.

In addition, the Cardinals' Matt Holliday, who finished third among NL outfielders behind Harper and Stanton, has been sidelined since June 8 when he strained his quadriceps muscle and is uncertain when he will return.

Each fan could cast up to 35 ballots in online voting. Pitchers and reserves will be announced Monday. □

Brewers extend win streak with 6-1 victory over Reds

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — Rookie Taylor Jungmann allowed four hits in eight innings and the Milwaukee Brewers extended their winning streak to eight games with a 6-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Sunday.

Gerardo Parra and Adam Lind hit seventh-inning home runs for the Brewers, who finished off their second undefeated road trip of at least seven games in club history. It's the Brewers' longest winning streak since they won nine in a row from April 4-13 of last season.

Cincinnati starter Mike Leake (5-5) lost for the first time since May 27. Leake, who was 3-0 in six June

starts, allowed eight hits and three runs with three walks and four strikeouts in six innings.

Jungmann (3-1) made his major league debut on June 9. He retired the first 12 batters he faced before Jay Bruce led off the fifth with a double into the right-field corner.

PIRATES 5, INDIANS 3

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Gerrit Cole overcame a rocky start for his MLB-best 12th win and Andrew McCutchen's two-run double capped a five-run fifth inning as Pittsburgh rallied past Cleveland.

Cole (12-3) set down his last 16 batters after the Indians scored twice in the second inning and once in the third



Milwaukee Brewers' center fielder Gerardo Parra runs down a fly ball off the bat of Cincinnati Reds' Tucker Barnhart during the third inning of a baseball game Sunday, July 5, 2015, in Cincinnati.

Associated Press

to take a 3-0 lead.

Cole threw 106 pitches while allowing three runs and five hits in eight innings. He struck out five and walked one after going winless in his previous two starts while pitching a combined 11 1-3 innings.

Mark Melancon posted his National League-leading 27th save as the Pirates won for the fifth time in six games.

In other NL games it was Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 1; Pittsburgh 5, Cleveland 3; Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 0, 10 innings; St. Louis 3, San Diego 1; Chicago Cubs 2, Miami 0; Colorado 6, Arizona 4; N.Y. Mets 8, L.A. Dodgers 0; and Washington 3, San Francisco 1. □

Earnhardt wins rain-delayed Daytona ahead of Dillon's crash



Dale Earnhardt Jr. celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at Daytona International Speedway, Monday, July 6, 2015, in Daytona Beach, Fla. Associated Press

JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer
DAYTONA BEACH, Florida
(AP) — A horrific last-lap accident that left drivers fearing for Austin Dillon's safety muted Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s victory in the rain-delayed race at Daytona International Speedway. Earnhardt crossed the finish line at 2:41 a.m. local time on Monday, filled with dread after Dillon's car sailed upside down into the fence then shot back onto the track. The car was on its roof and mangled when it was hit hard by Brad Keselowski. The car tore down a section of fencing, debris scattered into the grandstands, and crew members from several teams raced to check on Dillon. A stunned Earnhardt seemed speechless as he crossed the finish line. "Oh my God. That looked awful," Earnhardt yelled into his radio. Crew chief Greg Ives immediately radioed his team not to pull Dillon from the car. "Whoever is in that window, if he's OK, do not touch him. Tell him to stay in there," Ives said. Earnhardt continued to inquire about Dillon, who

earned his first career win at Daytona in Friday's Xfinity Series race and is close with Earnhardt's family. The late Dale Earnhardt won 34 races at Daytona and Dillon was present for many of them as he grew up watching him drive for his grandfather, Richard Childress. Earnhardt was killed in a 2001 crash on the final lap of the Daytona 500. Earnhardt Jr. said after the race he had no idea who was in the car — it was torn nearly in half, its engine ripped from under the hood — but acknowledged being genuinely scared after the wreck. "You are just on the verge of tears," Earnhardt said. "I saw everything in the mirror pretty clearly ... I just was very scared for whoever that car was. I didn't care about anything except figuring out who was OK. "The racing doesn't matter anymore." The outcome was never in doubt as Earnhardt dominated the entire race. But as the pack of cars chased him on a two-lap overtime sprint to the finish, contact in the train sent Dillon's car sailing upside down into the fence. Daytona President Joie Chitwood said four fans

were treated by medical staff in the grandstands and one was taken to a hospital in stable condition. Dillon was evaluated and released in Daytona's infield care center and said he had a bruised arm and tailbone. "I am just going to be really sore; it got my tailbone pretty good and my arm," he said. The accident was similar to a 2013 crash in the Xfinity Series when Kyle Larson's car sailed into the fence, sending debris into the stands that injured 28 fans. Larson's car was destroyed as it ricocheted back onto the track. Jimmie Johnson, who finished second to Hendrick Motorsports teammate Earnhardt, said Dillon's wreck was one of the worst he's ever seen. "I'm shocked that Austin Dillon is even alive," said Johnson. "I expected the worst when I came back around." The accident overshadowed Earnhardt's second win of the season — his first was in May at Talladega — and his first in this race since 2001. It was his fourth Sprint Cup Series win at Daytona. The wreck was also the main focus at the end of

a day that began early Sunday but quickly fell off schedule because of weather. The race began at 11:42 p.m. after a delay of 3 hours, 34 minutes due to rain. Drivers spent the time doing an array of different activities: Daytona 500 winner Joey Logano went into the stands to thank fans for sticking around, while Ricky Stenhouse Jr. used social media to prove he can do a headstand. When the race finally be-

gan, and the field circled the track waiting for the green flag, reigning NASCAR champion Kevin Harvick made note of the unusual start time by wishing his crew a good evening before correcting himself to morning. It then took just three laps for the action to begin as David Gilliland sliced across the front of Clint Bowyer to trigger a nine-car accident that collected Logano and Danica Patrick, among others. □

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Rodriguez wins crash-marred 3rd stage Froome takes yellow

JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Sports Writer

HUY, Belgium (AP) — British rider Chris Froome took the Tour de France leader's yellow jersey after finishing second behind Spanish veteran Joaquim Rodriguez in Monday's crash-marred third stage, as a second straight day of chaos caused around 20 riders to fall and several to quit.

The 2013 Tour winner Froome almost caught Rodriguez near the top of the day's final climb, but the Spaniard held on for his second career Tour stage win five years after his first.

"I didn't expect to be in yellow this early on. Couldn't be a better feeling," said Froome, whose title defense ended when he crashed early in last year's race. "I may look calm on the outside but I assure you I'm not. A huge thank you to my teammates, they turned themselves inside out to keep me at the front."

He now leads German rider Tony Martin — who is not a threat for overall victory — by just one second and is 13 seconds ahead of American rider Tejay Van Garderen, who is shaping up as a dangerous outsider.

More importantly, Froome's touted main rivals are lagging.

Froome is now 36 seconds clear of two-time champion Alberto Contador of Spain, 1:38 ahead of defending champion Vincenzo Nibali of Italy and 1:56 ahead of Nairo Quintana of Colombia, the Tour runner-up two years ago.

"I'd rather be in this position that I'm in now rather than having to make up time," said Froome, who took the race leader's jersey from Swiss veteran Fabian Cancellara. "I just hope to get through these next few days without any major issues."

Froome's relief was un-

derstandable, given how heavy the crash behind him was. It happened with a little under 60 kilometers (37 miles) remaining, forcing the stage to be neutralized and then stopped altogether shortly after — for nearly 20 minutes.

With the race moving from neighboring Netherlands into Belgium, stage three was 159.5 kilometers (99 miles) from Antwerp to Huy. It featured four short and sharp climbs but the crash took place shortly before climb No. 1 when Frenchman William Bonnet's wobbling bike slid forward and down.

Racing at tremendous speed, it was impossible for those behind to either slow down or get out of the way, and one after the other they went up, down, or sideways in a bewildering flash of colors, bobbing helmets and spinning wheels. The end result was a tangled mess of bikes, spewed in all directions. Some riders lay on their backs in the grass and others were curled up in agony on the hot tarmac.

Cancellara was one of the last to go down, leaping into the air with his bike attached to him, then landing with a thud: the grass landing saving him from being more seriously hurt. Bonnet was taken off on a stretcher with a brace around his neck. Dutch rider Tom Dumoulin — competing for the best young rider's white jersey — Australian veteran Simon Gerrans, and Russian Dmitry Kozontchuk also withdrew from the stage and race.

As the pack up ahead waited, riders started coming back: cuts and bruises decorating their backs and legs. Cancellara grimaced in pain, Australian Michael Matthews looked to be in tears, and it was hard to see which team Johan Van Summeren was riding for given how shredded his shirt was.



Spain's Joaquim Rodriguez, left, crosses the finish line ahead of Britain's Christopher Froome, right, during the third stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 159.5 kilometers (99.1 miles) with start in Antwerp and finish in Huy, Belgium, Monday, July 6, 2015.

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The stage re-started for good with about 50 kilometers (31 miles) remaining. But it almost seemed like a training ride as no rider wanted to speed up.

Finally, about a dozen riders surged ahead. Exhausted, the others let them go.

After taking chunks of time out of Nibali and Quintana on Sunday's rain-soaked and wind-battered second stage, Froome did it again

as he accelerated in the last climb.

"It's never too early to take the yellow jersey," Froome said. "Really happy to come second and put more time on my GC (general classification) contenders."

Rodriguez and Froome clocked the same time of 3 hours, 26 minutes, 54 seconds. Frenchman Alexis Vuillermoz was third, four seconds behind them.

The day's final two climbs — 1.3 kilometers (0.8 miles) — up Cote de Cherave and the Mur du Huy featured on this year's Fleche Wallonne (Walloon Arrow) classic — which Rodriguez has previously won and where Froome crashed in this year's race.

Froome had better luck this time, gaining 11 seconds on Nibali and Quintana and 18 seconds on Contador. □

AP source: Barea sticking with Mavs after return last season

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AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — J.J. Barea is returning to Dallas after considering a move to Miami in free agency.

A person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press on Monday that Barea has agreed to terms with the Mavericks. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because players can't sign contracts until Thursday.

The deal is reportedly for two years and \$5.6 million. The 6-foot guard told a newspaper in his native Puerto Rico that he was re-joining Dallas.

The Mavericks brought back Barea early last season when Minnesota bought out the remainder



This Nov. 21, 2014, file photo shows Dallas Mavericks guard J.J. Barea of Puerto Rico sprinting to the basket for a shot during an NBA basketball game in Dallas. **Associated Press**

of the four-year deal he signed after playing a key role in the Mavericks' run

to the NBA championship in 2011.

Early in free agency, Barea was linked to Miami — where he went to high school — but that was before the Mavericks improved their outlook significantly by reaching deals with center DeAndre Jordan and shooting guard Wesley Matthews.

The 31-year-old Barea spent his first five seasons with Dallas after catching on as an undrafted free agent out of Northeastern. The Mavericks trailed the Heat 2-1 in the NBA Finals four years ago when coach Rick Carlisle inserted Barea into the starting lineup. Dallas won three straight games to take the franchise's first title. □

Owner of 'Tetris' rights takes Hawaii home off grid

CALEB JONES
Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — High above the bustling city of Honolulu, in a quiet, exclusive hillside neighborhood where some of the island's wealthiest residents live, there is an extravagant home that's not quite like the others.

The 6,000-square-foot house has a view overlooking Diamond Head, Waikiki and the Pacific Ocean, and two Tesla cars in the driveway. It's not the two electric cars that set the property apart from its swanky neighbors.

The difference is that this solar-powered home is completely energy independent.

Homeowner Henk Rogers, 61, hopes the technology he is using in his home can help make other homes across Hawaii — and the world — energy independent as well.

Rogers is famous for discovering the video game "Tetris" more than 20 years ago. He now manages the worldwide rights for the game along with his business partner, Alexey Pajitnov, who wrote the program.

"If you're going to clean up the world, first of all you have to clean your own room," Rogers said, referring to Hawaii, which has some of the highest energy costs in the U.S.

Rogers will announce his new company, Blue Planet Energy Systems, on Monday. The new venture, which will sell and install battery systems for homes and businesses running on solar technology, plans to begin sales on Aug. 1. He declined to say how much the systems would cost, but said there will be a five- to seven-year return on the investment for a typical project that his company will install.

The Blue Ion system, which Rogers has been testing in his home for the last year, uses Sony lithium iron phosphate batteries, which can last for 20 years and don't require cooling, he says.

Partnering with Sony, Rogers believes the batteries



Solar panels sit on the roof of Hen Rogers' off-grid home, Tuesday, June 30, 2015 in Honolulu.

Associated Press

can be a solution to the long-standing problem of storing the sun's energy and helping lower energy costs in Hawaii.

Sony has been developing

everything from the housing to the software to monitor and maintain the systems.

Robert Harris, a spokesman for the Alliance for

grid and take it back as needed, something called net metering.

"A lot of energy can be put into the grid right now, so it hasn't been a big incentive



Henk Rogers, who manages the worldwide rights to the video game Tetris, opens his solar-powered battery unit that he uses to remain off the electrical grid, Tuesday, June 30, 2015 in Honolulu.

Associated Press

lithium ion batteries since 1991, and the units being used in Rogers' home are top of the line.

The batteries store energy from solar panels, allowing people to use it at night without having to rely on expensive energy from the grid.

Rogers' company will sell and install the battery systems for commercial and residential use, supplying

Solar Choice, an advocacy group, said consumers haven't had much call to invest in battery storage systems because of the cost and incentive programs that encourage people to stay linked to the grid. Harris, who is also the director of public policy at Sunrun, a solar equipment supplier in Honolulu, said homeowners with solar panels typically put energy into the

necessarily for a homeowner to invest in storage," Harris said. That could change in the next few months with several new systems besides Rogers' expected to hit the market.

"These products will be capable of storing and putting out energy on a daily basis at a fairly reasonable price point," Harris said.

Rogers, who also owns a ranch on Hawaii's Big Is-

land that is energy independent, said he had an epiphany after suffering a heart attack and near-death experience in 2006. While recovering, he decided he would take advantage of the second chance. Rogers read about the possibility of losing all the coral reefs in the world because of ocean acidification, which has been linked to climate change and rising carbon in oceans.

"We're going to end the use of carbon-based fuel, and that is my mission No. 1," he said.

Rogers is the founder and chairman of the Blue Planet Foundation, an organization that promotes clean energy alternatives and lobbies politicians to change policy.

Recently, the foundation created a book of children's drawings and letters pleading for state lawmakers to mandate Hawaii become energy independent. He made sure the books were valued at under \$25, the maximum amount a lawmaker can receive as a gift, and delivered a copy to every lawmaker in Hawaii.

"This has got to be a message from the children because it's the children's world we are trying to save," Rogers said.

Hawaii Gov. David Ige announced earlier this year that the state of Hawaii would become completely energy independent by 2045.

"I would say our crowning glory is 2045," Rogers added.

Hawaii state Sen. Lorraine Inouye, who is on the Energy and Transportation Committee, said she is encouraged that people are taking the initiative to become energy independent.

"I'm so happy that private citizens are trying to have a sustainable power supply on their property," Inouye said. The plan for energy independence by 2045 "can be accomplished, but we need to remove obstacles," she added. □

Sears' REIT goes public; others consider similar moves

NEW YORK (AP) — Seritage Growth Properties, the real estate spinoff of Sears Holdings Corp., made its debut Monday on the New York Stock Exchange and estimated that it had raised about \$1.6 billion from the offering.

Sears, which is dealing with slumping retail sales, formed the real estate investment trust to extract more revenue from its properties. It plans to sell

and lease back about 235 properties, most of them Sears and Kmart stores, to the REIT.

Sears expects to raise \$2.6 billion in proceeds from the REIT buying those properties.

Seritage is trading under the symbol SRG. Its shares were up \$1.18, or 3.3 percent, to \$37.20 in afternoon trading Monday.

Sears is one of several retailers and chain restaurant

operators with big property footprints and lagging sales that are choosing this strategy as real estate prices gain ground.

In April, Sears struck three real estate deals which included a \$150 million infusion from a joint venture with mall operator Macerich.

It also has deals with General Growth Properties Inc. and Simon Property Group Inc. Before establishing the

REIT, the retailer had been subletting some of its excess space to Forever21 and Whole Foods. With the new real estate maneuver, the company said it will create a mechanism to continue that move in an accelerated fashion.

Darden Restaurants Inc., which has seen its Olive Garden chain struggle, announced in June that it would spin off some of its properties into a real estate

investment trust that will function as its own publicly traded company.

Department store operator The Bon-Ton Stores Inc. announced an \$84 million deal in June to sell six properties and lease them back with a real estate investment trust. Hudson's Bay Co., the parent of Saks Fifth Avenue, has formed a joint venture with Simon Property Group Inc. for about 42 stores. □

US stocks slip amid global sell-off after Greek 'no' vote

BERNARD CONDON
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks in the U.S. fell broadly following drops in overseas markets as Greeks voted to reject creditor conditions for

more loans, but the losses weren't as steep as many had feared.

With time running out for Greece to strike a new deal and its banks desperately short of cash, a wave

of selling that started in Asia early Monday spread to Europe, then the U.S. By the end of the day, nine of the 10 industry groups in the Standard and Poor's 500 index were down. But

the index itself had fallen a modest 0.4 percent.

Still, many investors were clearly nervous, putting money into assets considered safe bets in turbulent times such as gold and U.S. government bonds. A rout in the stocks of oil drillers and other energy companies fed the selling as the price oil plunged nearly 8 percent.

In a Sunday referendum on creditor demands for spending cuts and tax hikes in exchange for more bailout money, 61 percent of Greeks voted "no," a much higher proportion than anticipated. Some analysts attributed the lack of sharper sell-off in stock markets to the resignation of the Greek finance minister, which might help bailout talks resume.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 46.53 points, or 0.3 percent, to 17,683.58. The S&P 500 gave up 8.02 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,068.76. The Nasdaq composite fell 17.27 points, or 0.3 percent, to 4,991.94.

In Europe, Germany's DAX

fell 1.5 percent while the CAC-40 in France fell 2 percent. The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was 0.8 percent lower.

Many in the markets fear that the Greek vote has pushed the country one step closer to leaving the euro.

Greek banks are running out of cash even after the government last week placed limits on how much depositors can withdraw. The European Central Bank has been providing emergency credit to the banks, but on Monday said it could not increase the amount offered because the banks' collateral was weaker now.

Meeting in Paris with her French counterpart, German Chancellor Angela Merkel stressed the importance of Greece taking "responsibility" for reforming its economy. Both she and French President Francois Hollande said the door was open to more negotiations. Eurozone leaders meet Tuesday to discuss the crisis. □



A television monitor carries news of the "No" vote on the Greek debt referendum as a trader works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, July 6, 2015, in New York. Stocks in the U.S. fell broadly following drops in overseas markets as Greeks voted to reject creditor conditions for more loans, but the losses weren't as steep as many had feared.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

Amazon pushes Prime service with day of deals

MAE ANDERSON
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Amazon is trying to lure more subscribers to its \$99 Prime loyalty program by pushing a day of discounts it calls "Prime Day" during the sleeper summer shopping season.

The e-commerce retailer plans to offer thousands of deals on July 15 in the

nine countries that have the Prime loyalty program, including the U.S., U.K., Spain, Japan, Italy, Germany, France, Canada and Austria. The Seattle company says the promotion is pegged to its 20th anniversary, which is July 16. Amazon says there will be more deals on July 15 than on Black Friday, the busy shopping day after Thanksgiving,

and Cyber Monday, the Monday after Thanksgiving when many people go online to shop for deals. Amazon doesn't release the number of Prime members it has, but Michael Pachter, an analyst at Wedbush Securities, estimates there are 35 million to 40 million.

Pachter said he sees the move as an "experiment"

by Amazon to see how shoppers will react to the sale.

"Black Friday is an event because it kicks off the holiday shopping season," he said. "I don't think an event in mid-July will have much impact, and view it as more of a test by Amazon during a slow period to see how a special Prime shopping day is received by its

customers."

Amazon.com Inc. has been expanding its Prime program's offerings in an effort to add members, with additions such as grocery delivery, one-hour delivery in some cities, beefed up video streaming and the creation of a Bluetooth speaker called the Echo that syncs with Prime music. □



A Chinese woman stands behind a glass panel near stock prices displayed on a board at a brokerage house in Shanghai, China, Monday July 6, 2015. Shares in big Chinese state companies rose Monday following weekend promises of government action to halt a slide in stock prices but many others sank as jittery small investors looked for ways to cut their losses. (Chinatopix Via AP)

Amid wild market swings; Chinese investors look to cut losses

JOE McDONALD
AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Shares in big state companies soared Monday after promises of government action to halt a slide in Chinese stock prices but many others sank as jittery small investors tried to cut their losses.

The market benchmark closed up 2.4 percent but still was down 27 percent from its June 12 peak. That came after a group of 21 state-owned brokerages pledged Saturday to buy stocks. On Sunday, the central bank promised more credit to finance trading. Regulators have reduced the number of planned share sales to ease fears of a glut.

Shares of some state companies including PetroChina Ltd., Asia's biggest oil producer, and China's four major state-owned commercial banks rose by close to 10 percent. Trading of almost 900 other companies — out of a total of 2,802 on exchanges in Shanghai and the southern city of Shenzhen — fell by the maximum 10 percent daily limit permitted by regulators, according to the financial news website Hexun.com.

Millions of novice investors piled into the market as the Shanghai index rose more

than 150 percent beginning late last year. Some made big profits but the slump has left many with shares worth less than they paid and hoping for a rebound so they can sell.

"I hope I can bow out of the stock market after I break even," said Liu Yun, a Beijing schoolteacher who put 80,000 yuan (\$13,000) into the market since last year and now has shares worth 62,000 yuan (\$10,000).

A prolonged slump could jolt China's financial system and set back Communist Party plans to make its state-dominated economy more market-oriented and productive.

The reduction in the number of new public stock offerings announced Friday — to 10 in July from 28 previously planned — will hamper party plans for state companies to pay off debts with proceeds from share sales. Investor unease could hurt official efforts to encourage state companies to rely more on capital markets than on loans from state banks. Such anxiety also might set back government efforts to encourage the public to invest for retirement to ease demand for social spending in an aging society.

"I am down on the stock market for the coming two

years," said Yu Xing, CEO of a company in the eastern city of Nanjing that makes streaming content for websites. He said he has lost one-quarter of his 400,000 yuan (\$65,000) investment since late last year.

The decline has wiped out about 15 trillion yuan (\$2.4 trillion) in market capitalization.

"The stock market decline will cause economic losses to investors and have some impact on social stability," said Guo Tianyong, an economist at the Central University of Finance and Economics in Beijing. "The government measures will surely play a role in stabilizing the stock market. But how effective they will be, we still need to wait and see."

The market boom took off after state media said last summer that stocks were undervalued, which investors took to mean Beijing would prop up prices if needed. But the market has been less responsive to the latest rounds of government intervention.

Saturday's statement by the Securities Association of China said brokerages will buy so long as the Shanghai Composite Index remains below 4,500 points. It closed at 3,775.91 on Monday. □

Crude oil tumbles 8 pct, points to low gas prices this fall in US

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NEW YORK (AP) — A slew of global economic and geopolitical factors are working to pummel the price of oil and set up U.S. drivers for very low gasoline prices later this year.

The price of U.S. crude dropped 7.7 percent Monday to close at \$52.53 a barrel and is now down nearly 15 percent from the high for the year set on June 10.

Gasoline prices in the U.S. will likely slide somewhat from a national average of \$2.77 over the next few weeks. Experts then expect a substantial decline in late summer and fall, pushing average gasoline prices in some low-price states below \$2 a gallon again.

"We're going back to some of those low numbers we saw over the winter," said Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service. "In some places (gas) prices starting with a 1 should come back by football season."

There are several signs around the world that point to falling demand for crude and fuels at a time when supplies are high and possibly rising:

— The Greek financial crisis could slow economic activity in Europe, which would reduce demand for gasoline and diesel.

— China's oil imports have already slipped this year and a plummeting Chinese stock market could mean even weaker demand in the world's second largest oil consumer.

— Oil production in OPEC, driven by strong production from Saudi Arabia and Iraq, is helping to keep the world's supplies high. OPEC's June production rose for the fourth month in a row, to 31.3 million barrels per day, according to a report Monday from Platts. That's 1.3 million barrels per day more than the cartel's official target and the highest level since August of 2012.

— Iran is eager to begin exporting oil that has been held back by sanctions, and talks between the U.S. and Iran that could lift those sanctions appear to be progressing.

— U.S. oil production remained strong even after drillers slowed their activity in the face of low oil prices — and now some drillers are ramping up production again.

The financial turmoil in Greece and China is also strengthening the dollar, which tends to push down the price of oil because oil is priced in dollars around the world.

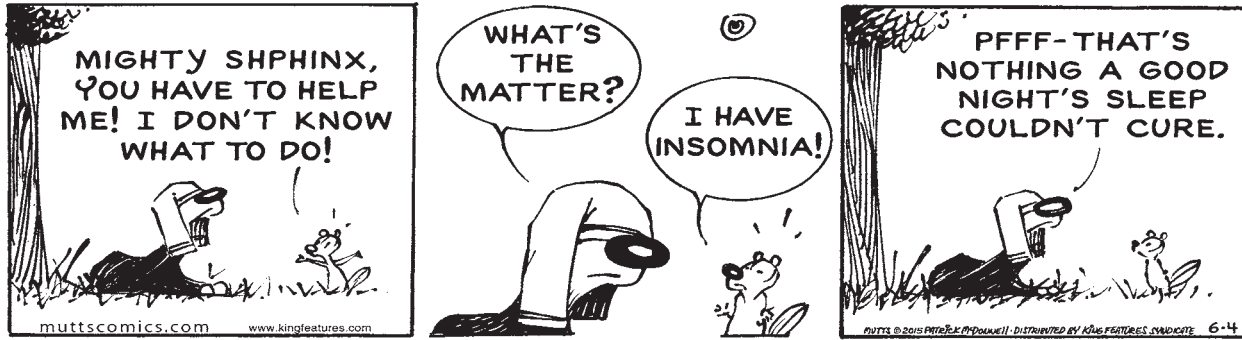
"All signs point south for oil prices," wrote Thomas Pugh, commodities economist at Capital Economics, in a report Monday. Pugh reduced his forecast for oil prices at the end of this year by \$5 to \$50 a barrel.

After hitting a six-year low of \$43.46 in mid-March, oil rose to nearly \$60 in late April as refiners processed enormous amounts of crude for the summer driving season. Oil then stayed remarkably stable around \$60 until the middle of last week.

Then some key trends reversed: U.S. supplies increased for the first time in two months and the number of rigs drilling for oil in the U.S. grew for the first time since December. Oil fell 5 percent last week. And over the weekend the Greece crisis worsened and the Iranian talks progressed, leading to a further drop Monday.

Pump prices are unlikely to drop sharply right away because driving season is in full swing and U.S. gasoline demand is higher than it's been since 2007, Kloza said. But unless a hurricane disrupts gasoline production on the Gulf Coast or elsewhere, gasoline prices should begin to plunge later this summer as refiners switch to winter blends of fuel. □

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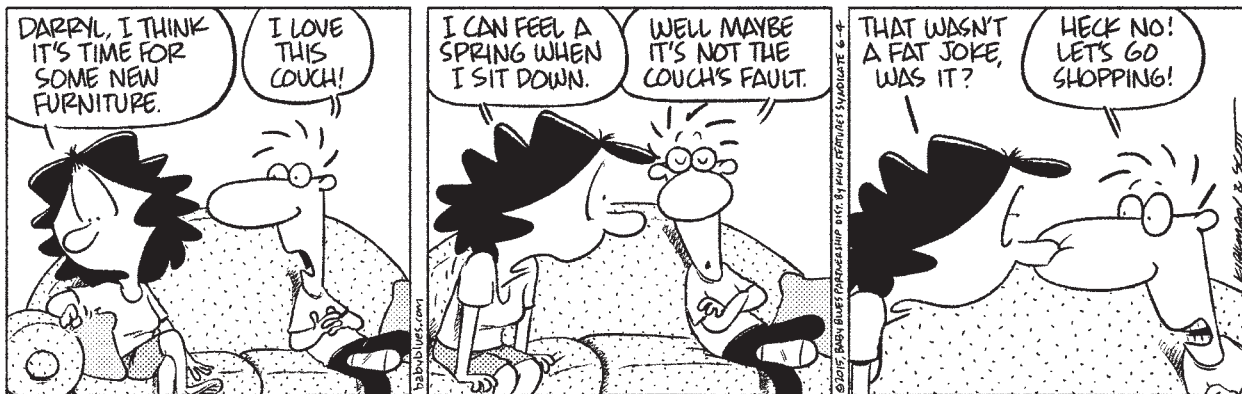
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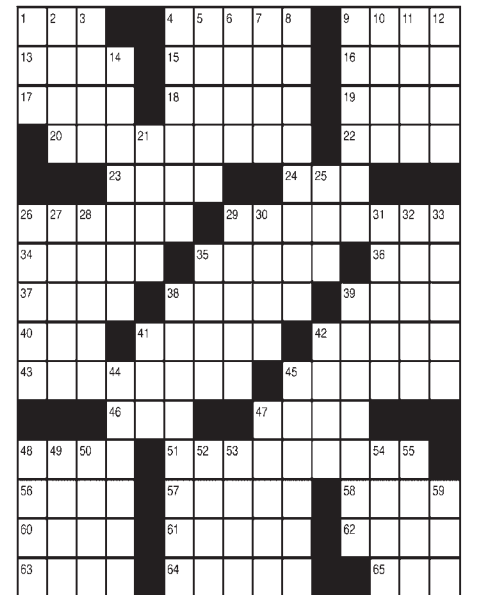
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2	9	3	4	5	6	7	8	1
5	8	7	9	1	2	3	6	4
8	2	4	5	9	3	1	7	6
3	6	9	1	7	8	4	2	5
1	7	5	6	2	4	8	9	3

ACROSS

- Sign an IOU
- Punctures
- Canyon sound
- Cookware items
- Paddled boat
- Have to have
- Georgia __; Atlanta univ.
- __-miss; haphazard
- Snow toy
- Clearing a driveway in winter
- Troubles
- Topaz & ruby
- __ McMuffin; morning meal
- Bring into harmony
- Modern tool for a lumberjack
- Gregorian __; monastery intonation
- Injured arm support
- Home video game console
- Skirt edges
- Like folks put in front rows for photos, usually
- Fling
- Poet's "before"
- Get up
- TV's Milton __
- Sleeping pill
- Cattleman
- Hairstyling goo
- Rich soil
- Pocket bread
- Going higher
- Uses oars
- Innocent; unsophisticated
- Afternoon socials
- "It is what __"
- Windy day toys
- Subdued
- Shut
- Bring on board
- Saber or épée
- Bridal path
- Smarter



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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

DOWN

- Make a choice
- Misfortunes
- Engrave
- Crafty plot
- Coin toss call
- "Nay" voter
- Godsend
- Corporal's superior
- Naval rank
- Jailbird's home
- Where plantar fasciitis strikes
- Likelihood
- Old Japanese military leaders
- Express pent-up frustration
- Actor __ Young
- Muscle cramps
- Not all __; demented
- Subdued
- Shut
- Bring on board
- Saber or épée
- Bridal path
- Smarter

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- Prison knife
- Asian nation
- One who eats on the house
- Supped
- Bit of sweat on the forehead
- Andre of tennis
- Truthful
- Crowbar
- Overly proper
- Greek letter
- Tiny branch
- Spinnaker or jib
- Refer to
- Shipshape
- Long deep cut
- Pigpen

San Francisco status as 'sanctuary' criticized after slaying



Father Cameron Fallor, of Restorative Justice Ministry, answers questions before a vigil for Kathryn Steinle, Monday, July 6, 2015, on Pier 14 in San Francisco. Steinle was shot and killed on Wednesday, July 1st on Pier 14. Francisco Sanchez was arrested for the shooting. (AP Photo/Beck Diefenbach)

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AMY TAXIN

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

The killing of a woman at a sightseeing pier has brought criticism down on this liberal city because the Mexican man under arrest was in the U.S. illegally, had been deported five times and was out on the streets after San Francisco officials disregarded a request from immigration authorities to keep him locked up. San Francisco is one of several cities across the U.S. that do not cooperate with federal immigration authorities. The city goes so far as to promote itself as a "sanctuary" for people in the U.S. illegally.

In a jailhouse interview with a TV station, Francisco Sanchez, the 45-year-old repeat drug offender arrested in the shooting Wednesday of Kathryn Steinle, confirmed that he came to the city because of its status as a sanctuary.

The case has prompted a flurry of criticism from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, politicians and commenters on social media, all of whom portrayed

to let him go without notifying ICE," said Jessica Vaughan, director of policy studies at the Washington-based Center for Immigration Studies, which wants tougher immigration enforcement.

Rep. Bob Goodlatte, the Republican who chairs the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, blamed sanctuary practices and the Obama administration, saying in a statement: "The tragic murder of Kate Steinle once again underscores the need to end these reckless policies."

Mayor Ed Lee issued a statement Monday saying that city policy was never intended to protect "repeat, serious and violent felons." He asked for federal and local agencies to review what happened. □

the slaying as a preventable tragedy. "Most of the blame should fall squarely on the shoulders of the San Francisco sheriff, because his department had custody of him and made the choice

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Spacecraft closing in on Pluto hits speed bump, but recovers

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(AP) — NASA's New Horizons spacecraft is on track to sweep past Pluto next week despite hitting a "speed bump" that temporarily halted science collection.

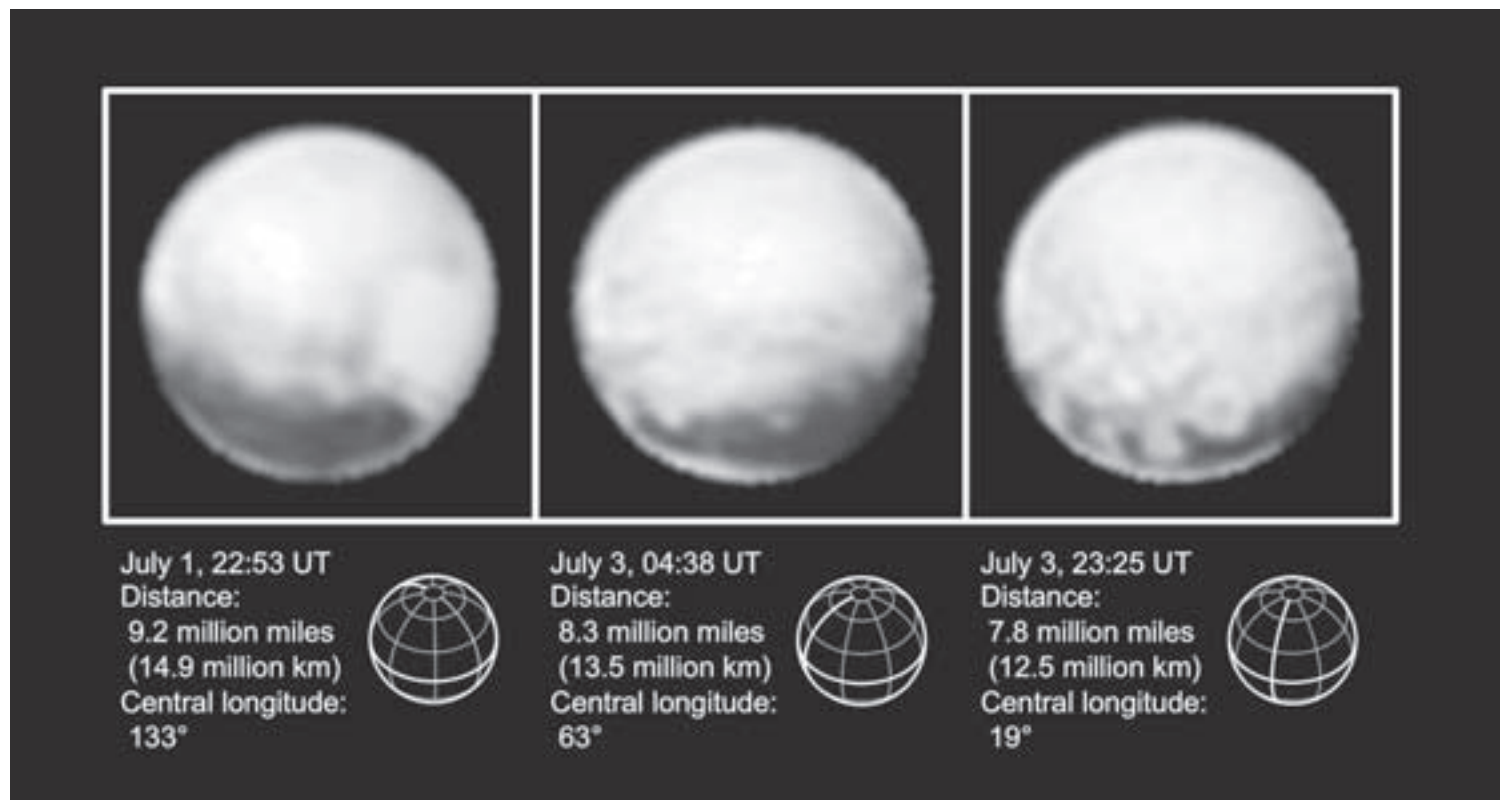
A computer overload prompted the spacecraft to partially shut down on July 4th — just days before the first-ever close flyby of Pluto.

Flight controllers managed to regain contact with the spacecraft in just over an hour and correct the tense situation, occurring after a relatively quiet journey of 3 billion miles (4.83 billion kilometers) and 9½ years.

New Horizons will pass closest to Pluto on July 14. The spacecraft will come within 7,750 miles (12,470 billion kilometers) of the mysterious, tiny, icy world out on the fringes of the solar system. About 2½ days of science observations were lost because of the problem.

"We're on to Pluto!" NASA's director of planetary science, Jim Green, assured journalists Monday.

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This combination of images from July 1 to July 3, 2015, provided by NASA shows Pluto at different distances from the New Horizons spacecraft. NASA's New Horizons spacecraft is on track to sweep past Pluto next week despite hitting a "speed bump" that temporarily halted science collection.

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That represents about 30 observations out of 500 planned over the next week.

Principal scientist Alan Stern said it was more important to recover the spacecraft than worry about some lost observations of a Pluto still several million miles away.

Data collection is expected to resume Tuesday, one week before the long-awaited flyby.

"While we prefer that this event hadn't occurred ... this is a speed bump in terms of the total return that we expect from this flyby," said Stern, who is with

the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado. Pluto and its big moon Charon already are surprising scientists with their surface appearances, "and we're excited to get back to that," he added Monday.

Stern as well as others in-

involved in the mission said they do not expect the problem to re-occur. The main computer was multitasking in preparation for the big event coming up — and dealing with heavier, more complex data loads than expected — when the trouble arose. □

NOAA: Warm oceans cause concern of coral bleaching

By CALEB JONES

Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) -- Abnormally warm ocean temperatures are creating conditions that threaten to kill coral across the equatorial Pacific, north Pacific and western Atlantic oceans, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Monday.

Coral bleaching occurs when coral is stressed by changes in its environment, causing it to release algae living in its tissue. The coral then turns pale or white and

becomes more susceptible to disease. In severe cases, the coral can die, permanently changing the habitat for fish and shellfish.

"The bleaching that started in June 2014 has been really bad for corals in the western Pacific," said Mark Eakin, NOAA's Coral Reef Watch coordinator, in news release Monday. "We are worried that bleaching will spread to the western Atlantic and again into Hawaii."

Ocean temperatures, light and nutrient levels

can cause bleaching. But NOAA says only warm temperatures can cause the widespread bleaching that scientists have been seeing since last year.

In 2014, Hawaii experienced widespread bleaching for the first time in nearly two decades. If it happens again this year, it would be the first time in history the Hawaiian Islands saw consecutive years of bleaching, NOAA says.

Coral can recover from mild bleaching, but two consecutive years of bleaching

could cause severe damage, scientists say. "Many healthy, resilient coral reefs can withstand bleaching as long as they have time to recover," Eakin said. "However, when you have repeated bleaching on a reef within a short period of time, it's very hard for the corals to recover and survive."

In 2014, Kaneohe Bay on Oahu's east side suffered the most serious bleaching in the state, which is home to 15 percent of all coral under U.S. jurisdic-

tion. Seventy-five percent of the dominant coral species there lost some color or turned completely white. Coral reefs are a critical part of the ecosystem, and their health is vital to the ocean environment. Coral cover just one-tenth of the ocean floor, but they are home to 25 percent of known marine species. Some fish eat coral, and others hide from predators in them. Some species use coral as nursery grounds. Some types of shark will frequent coral reefs. □

APNewsBreak: Cosby said he got drugs to give women for sex

MARYCLAIRE DALE

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bill Cosby admitted in 2005 that he got quaaludes with the intent of giving them to young women he wanted to have sex with, and that he gave the sedative to at least one woman and "other people," according to documents obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

That woman and a second woman testified in the same case that they knowingly took quaaludes from him, according to the unsealed documents.

The AP had gone to court to compel the release of the documents from the deposition in a sexual abuse lawsuit filed by former Temple University employee Andrea Constand — the first of a cascade of sexual abuse lawsuits against him. Cosby's lawyers had objected on the grounds that it would embarrass their client.

Cosby settled that lawsuit under confidential terms in 2006. His lawyers in the Philadelphia case did not



In this Nov. 6, 2014 file photo, entertainer Bill Cosby pauses during a news conference.

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immediately return phone calls Monday. Constand consented to be identified but did not want to comment, her lawyer said Monday.

Cosby, 77, has been accused by more than two dozen women of sexual misconduct, including allegations by many that he drugged and raped them

in incidents dating back more than four decades. Cosby has never been criminally charged, and most of the accusations are barred by statutes of limitations.

Cosby, giving sworn testimony in the lawsuit accusing him of sexual assaulting Constand at his home in Pennsylvania in 2005, said

he got seven quaalude prescriptions in the 1970s. The lawyer for Constand asked if he had kept the sedatives through the 1990s — after they were banned — but was frustrated by objections from Cosby's lawyer.

"When you got the quaaludes, was it in your mind that you were going to use

these quaaludes for young women that you wanted to have sex with?" lawyer Dolores M. Troiani asked.

"Yes," Cosby answered on Sept. 29, 2005.

"Did you ever give any of these young women the quaaludes without their knowledge?"

Cosby's lawyer again objected, leading Troiani to petition the federal judge to force Cosby to cooperate.

Cosby later said he gave Constand three half-pills of Benadryl, although Troiani in the documents voices doubt that was the drug involved. The two other women who testified on Constand's behalf said they had knowingly been given quaaludes.

Three of the women accusing Cosby of sexually assaulting them have a defamation lawsuit pending against him in Massachusetts. They allege that he defamed them when his agents said their accusations were untrue. Cosby is trying to get their case thrown out before discovery. □

Caitlyn to write weekly editorials on LGBT issues

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Caitlyn Jenner will be writing weekly online editorials about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and issues.

Jenner's spokesman, Alan Nierob, said Monday that the editorials on the celebrity content website WhoSay are part of Jenner's effort to explore matters of concern to the LGBT community.

Nierob declined to comment on other aspects of the effort, saying it's too early to discuss them.

This month, the former Bruce Jenner will be featured in an eight-episode series depicting her transition to a new life as a woman. The series, titled "I Am Cait," debuts July



This 2015 image provided by courtesy of E! shows Caitlyn Jenner in the first official promotional trailer for the new documentary series, "I Am Cait," in Southern California.

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26 on the E! Entertainment channel.

The Olympic champion has been part of the E! reality series "Keeping Up With the Kardashians," about the extended family that includes Jenner's ex-wife, Kris Jenner, and stepdaughter Kim Kardashian. □

Miss Universe Paulina Vega refuses to give up her crown

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The reigning Miss Universe has refused to relinquish her crown despite a tide of condemnation following pageant owner Donald Trump's remarks on Mexican immigrants.

Paulina Vega on Monday said she would continue doing the organization's social work and dismissed Trump's accusation that she is a hypocrite for condemning his recent comments but declining to step down as Miss Universe.

"The fact that I am not giving up my crown doesn't mean that I am changing my stance about everything I said," the Colombian beauty said in her native country during an interview with radio station La W. "It doesn't make any sense that Donald Trump calls me a hypocrite because I'm

not giving up my crown." In his June presidential campaign announcement, Trump said that some Mexican immigrants to the U.S. bring drugs and crime, and some are rapists.

On Sunday, a few days after Vega called his remarks "unjust and hurtful," Trump tweeted: "Miss Universe, Paulina Vega, criticized me for telling the truth about illegal immigration, but then said she would keep the crown — Hypocrite."

"As a Colombian and as Miss Universe, I want to show my support and validate the sentiments of the Latin community," Vega had said on her Instagram account last week.

Vega, 22, won the 2014 Miss Universe pageant last January in Miami.

Pressure on her to quit has increased over the past



In this Jan. 25, 2015, file photo, reigning Miss Universe Gabriela Isler, right, crowns the new Miss Universe, Paulina Vega of Colombia, left, during the Miss Universe pageant in Miami, Sunday.

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several days, with Colombia retiring its bid to host the event and Mexico announcing that it won't be sending any candidate to the competition. □



In this May 17, 2015 file photo, Idina Menzel introduces a performance by Mariah Carey at the Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas, Nev.

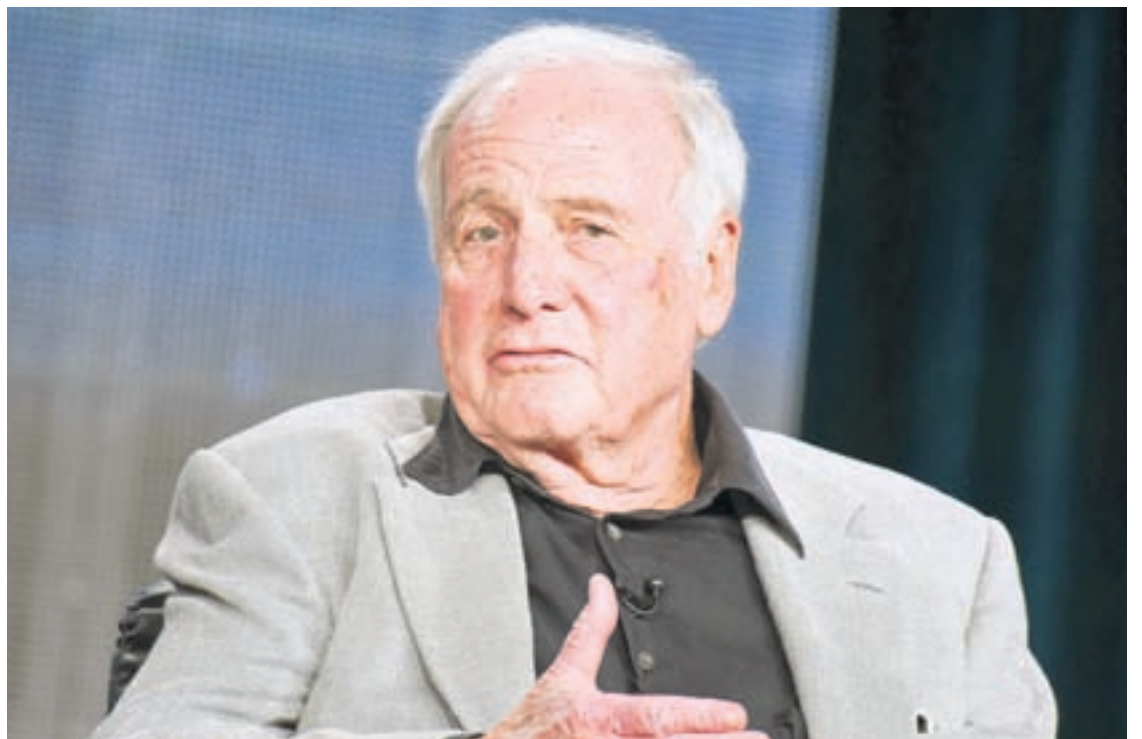
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Broadway's Idina Menzel readies U.S. tour like a pop star

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AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Idina Menzel, who has crossed over from the Broadway stage to the Billboard charts, is still surprised that she's able to sell concert tickets like a proper pop star. "It's hard to cross over like that and that's what this whole last year has been about for me," Menzel said in a recent interview. "So I'm trying to take it in and be proud of that." Menzel, 44, will kick off a North American tour Tuesday in Richmond, Virginia. She'll play nearly 40 shows, including stops in Philadelphia, Houston, Atlanta, Chicago and Washington, D.C. The tour will wrap up Oct. 3 at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles. "It's amazing to go into new territories and have people buy tickets to your

show that you never knew in a million years would know your name," Menzel said, smiling. The tour will feature music from her career, including songs from Broadway shows like "Wicked" and "If/Then," and the animated hit "Frozen," which includes the Oscar- and Grammy-winning song "Let It Go," which peaked at No. 5 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. Menzel will also perform songs from her lesser-known pop albums. "I'm even doing a couple things from albums that I did earlier ... I'm like, 'You know what, I'm going to do that song now!'" she said. She may work on new music after the tour. "I'll come back and forth, and do some recording, you know, we'll see," she said. "There's only so much you can do at one time." □



In this Jan. 8, 2015 file photo, Jerry Weintraub speaks at the HBO 2015 Winter TCA in Pasadena, Calif.

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Longtime Hollywood producer Jerry Weintraub dies at 77

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NEW YORK (AP) — Jerry Weintraub, the dynamic producer and manager who pushed the career of John Denver and produced such hit movies as "Nashville" and "Ocean's Eleven," has died. He was 77. Representatives for Weintraub said he died Monday of cardiac arrest in Santa Barbara, California. Weintraub rose from talent agency mail room employee to top concert promoter — working with the likes of Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra — and shaping Denver's career before tackling the movie business starting in the 1970s. His attempt to found his own studio, Weintraub Entertainment Group, ended in bankruptcy. But his success as an independent producer spanned decades, from "Karate Kid" to 2013's Emmy-winning Liberace drama "Behind the Candelabra," a film he took to HBO after all the studios passed. "Jerry was an American original, who earned his success by the sheer force of his instinct, drive, and larger-than-life personality," said President George H.W. Bush, a longtime

friend. "He had a passion for life, and throughout the ups and downs of his prolific career it was clear just how much he loved show business." "In the coming days there will be tributes, about our friend Jerry Weintraub," said George Clooney, a star of the "Ocean's" movies. "We'll laugh at his great stories, and applaud his accomplishments. And in the years to come the stories and accomplishments will get better with age, just as Jerry would have wanted it. But not today. Today our friend died." A Brooklyn-born telephone-wielding impresario, Weintraub fashioned himself in the mold of Mike Todd, Cecil B. DeMille and P.T. Barnum. He titled his 2011 memoir, "When I Stop Talking, You'll Know I'm Dead." At the time, he joked he might write another: "Dead, But Still Talking." "If asked my philosophy, it would be simply this: Savor life, don't press too hard, don't worry too much. Or as the old-timers say, 'Enjoy,'" he wrote. "But ... I never could live by this philosophy and was, in fact, out working, hustling, trading, scheming, and making a buck as soon as I was old enough to leave my par-

ents' house." Weintraub left numerous projects behind. He's the executive producer of the recently debuted HBO series "The Brink" and a producer on an upcoming remake of "Tarzan." Weintraub's career as a promoter took a giant step in 1970 when after a lengthy courtship he persuaded Elvis Presley's manager, Col. Tom Parker, to let him promote Presley concerts. It was at a time when Presley was beginning to do live shows after years of concentrating on movies. The relationship began with a small tour and continued for several years. According to Peter Guralnick's book "Careless Love: The Unmaking of Elvis Presley," Parker kept control of the finances, but Weintraub and partner Tom Hulett introduced such improvements as a modern sound system for Presley. The experience helped propel Weintraub into the top ranks of promoters. Around the same time as he was courting Presley's camp, Weintraub saw Denver at a small Greenwich Village nightclub and was overwhelmed by the mountaineer's easy manner. He took on Denver as a client. □

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